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The Story So Far

Konatsu has trouble adapting to her new surroundings after she moves from Tokyo to a rural seaside town and starts attending school there.

When she meets Koyuki, the sole member of the Aquarium Club, Konatsu decides to join the club too. The two girls are drawn to each other because they're both lonely.

The first time Konatsu participates in an open house for the school aquarium, Koyuki is overcome by inexpressible feelings and she suddenly pulls Konatsu close!

Characters



Konatsu Amano

A first-year transfer student. She has trouble adapting to her new surroundings until she decides to join her new friend Koyuki in the Aquarium Club.



Koyuki Honami

Head of the Aquarium Club. Everyone puts her on a pedestal, and she tries to satisfy their expectations even though she finds them suffocating and feels lonely.



Kaede Hirose

Konatsu's classmate. Due to her perky personality, she has many friends and doesn't hesitate to extend a hearty welcome to Konatsu.

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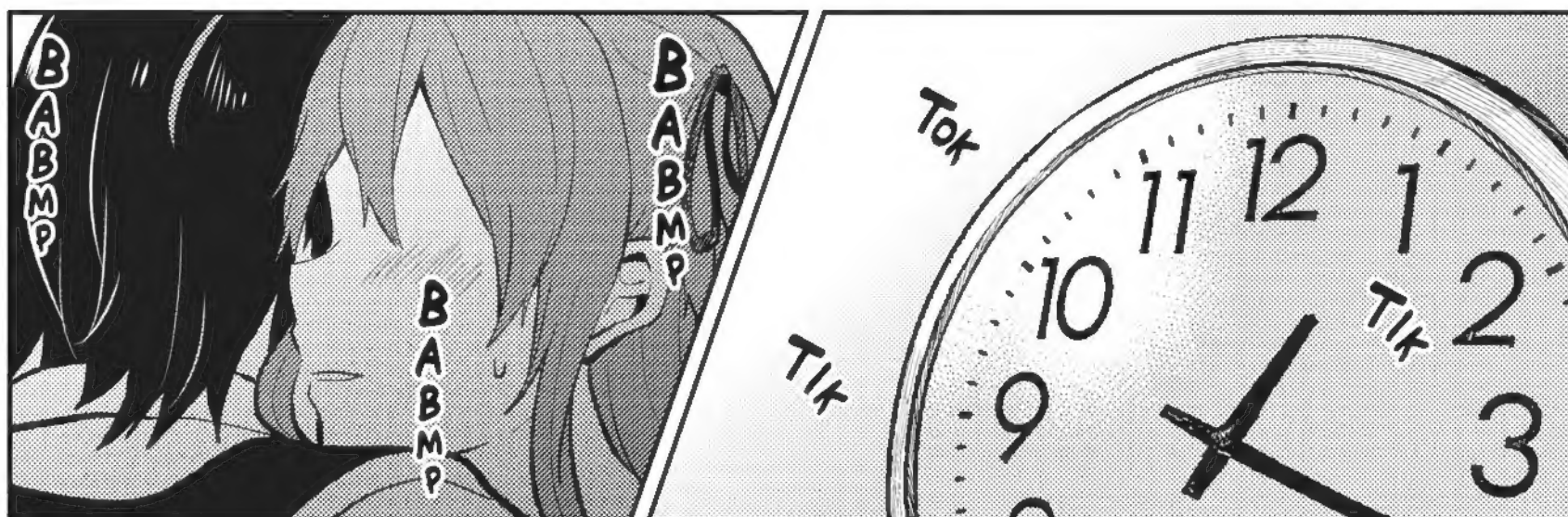
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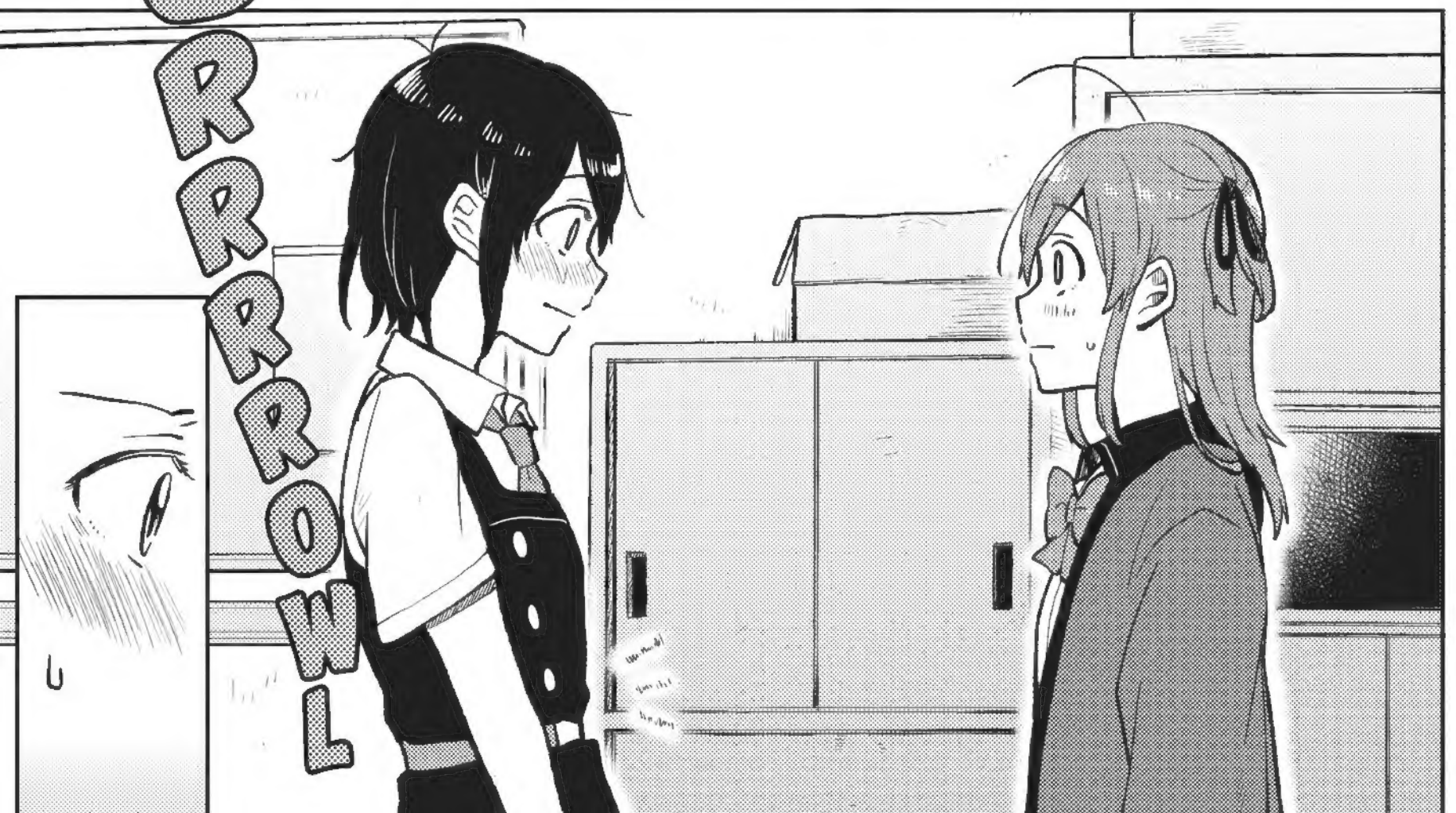
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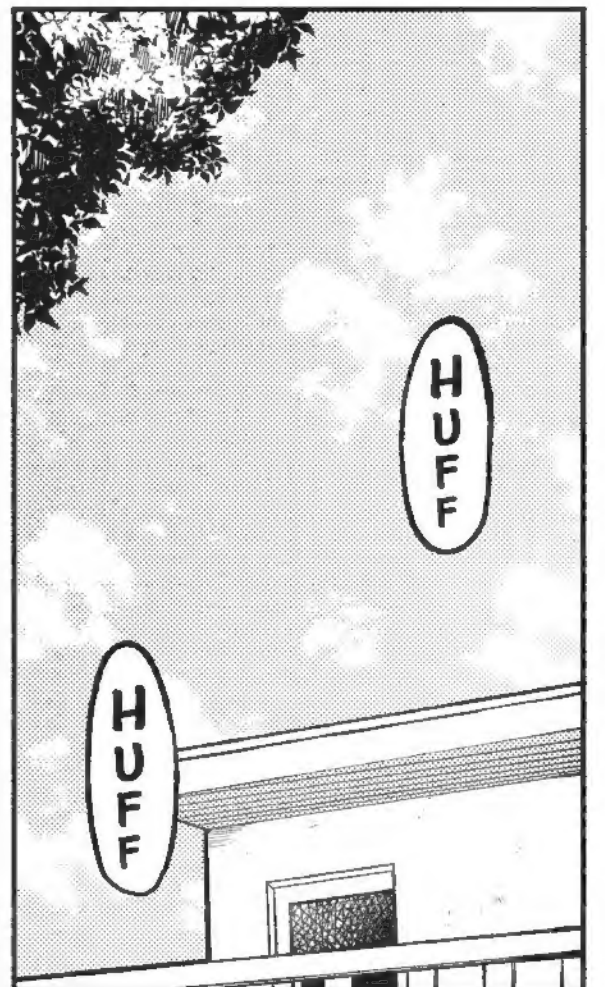


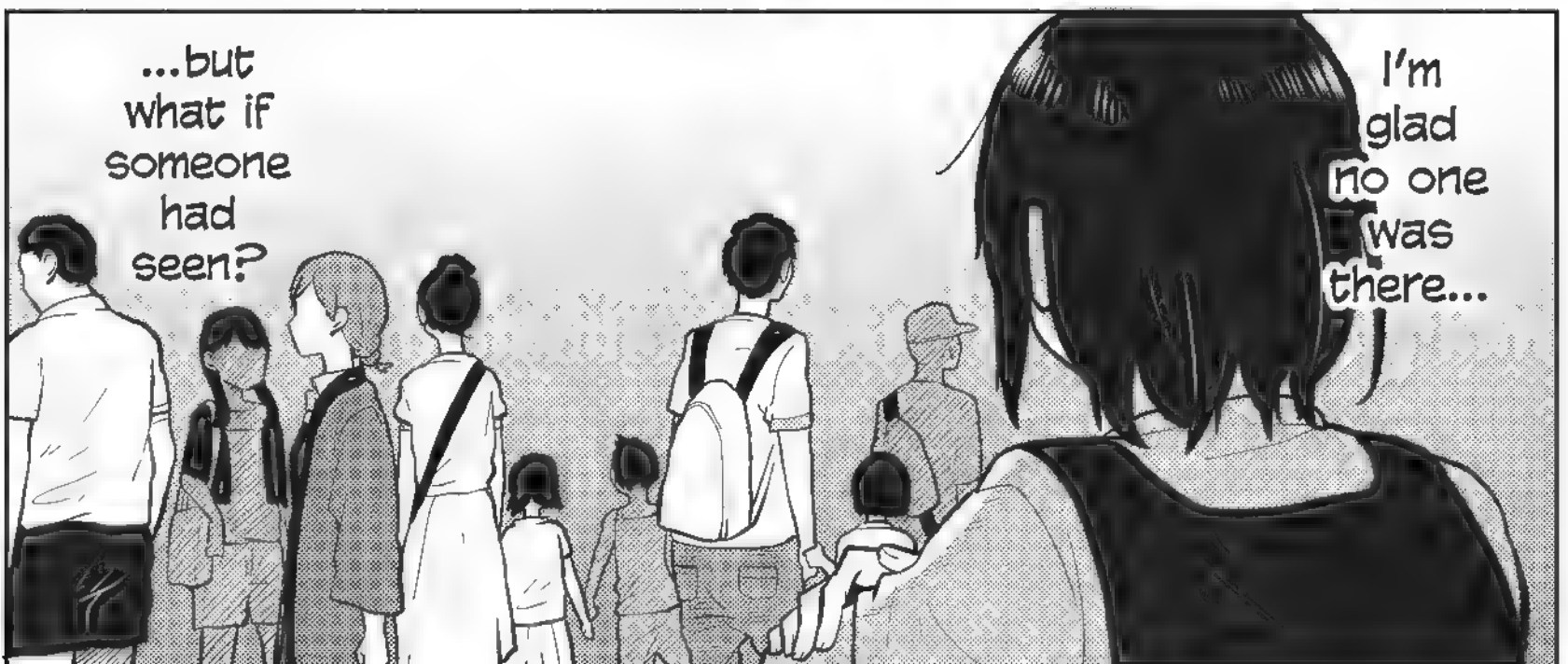
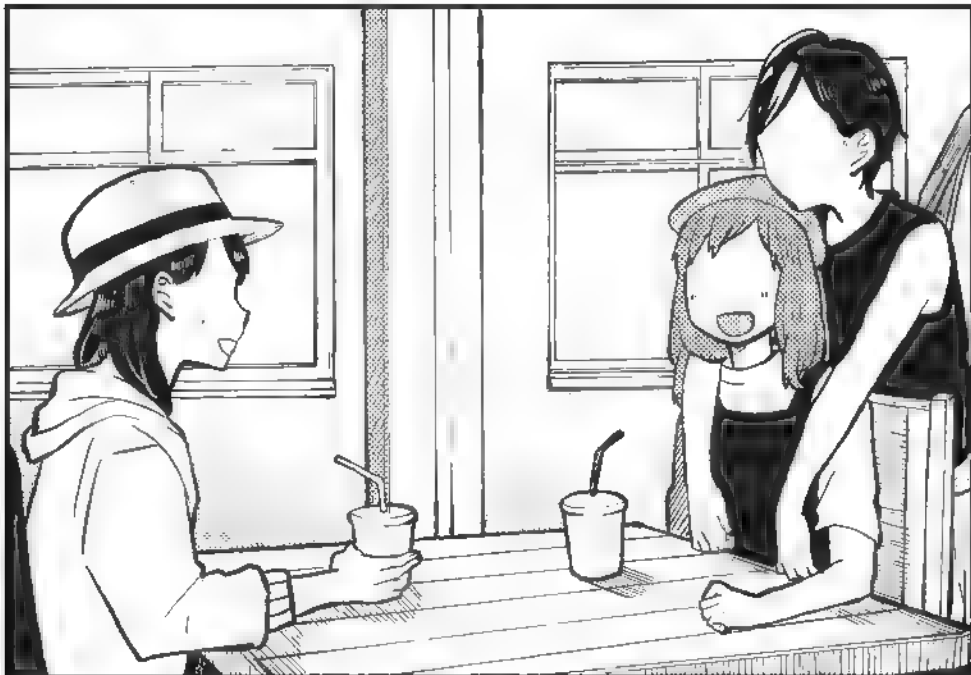
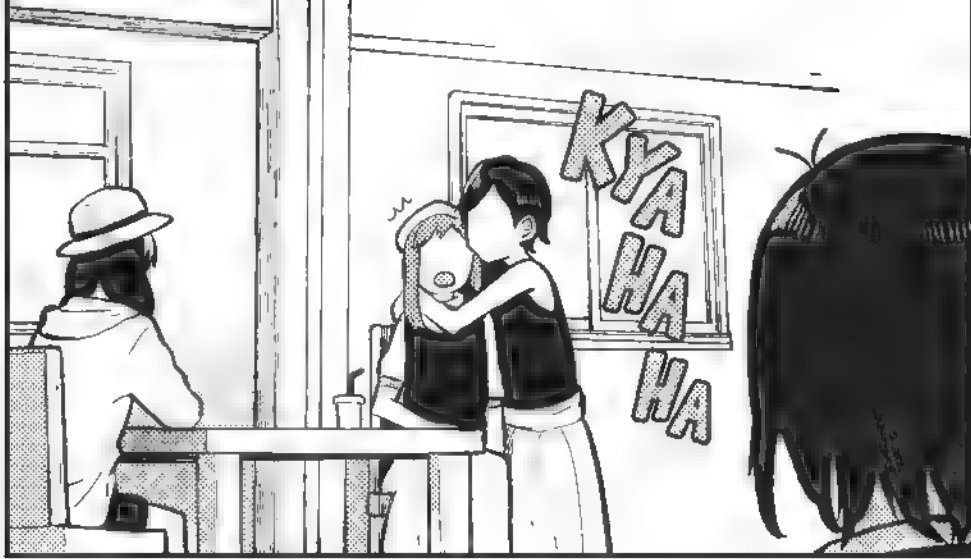
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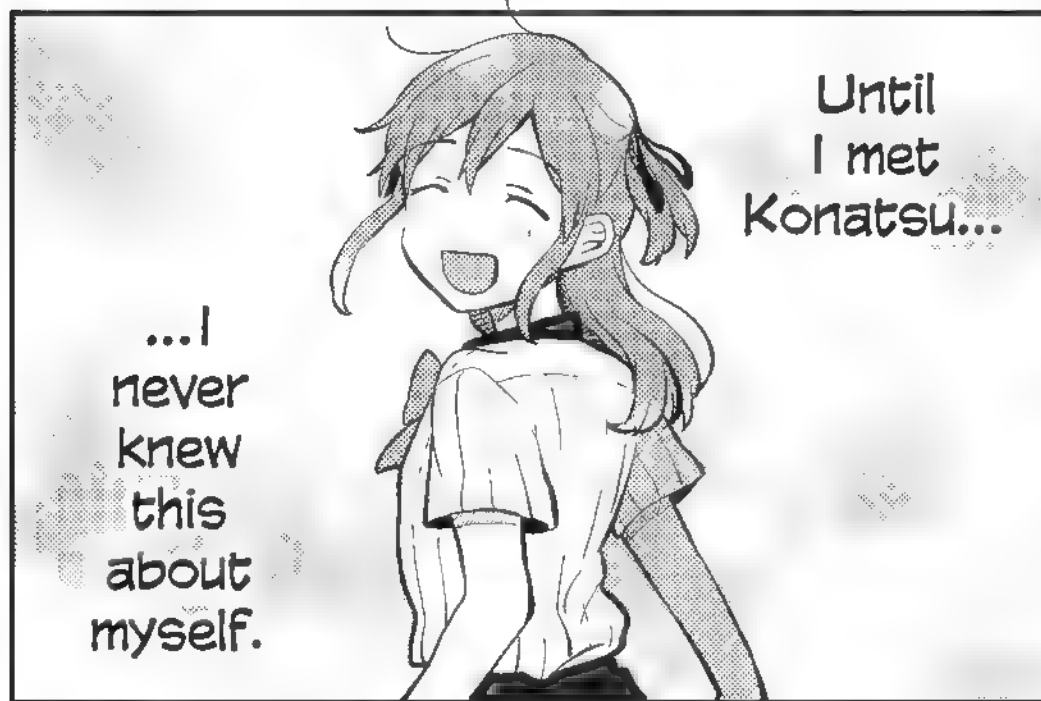












...I
never
knew
this
about
myself.

Until
I met
Konatsu...

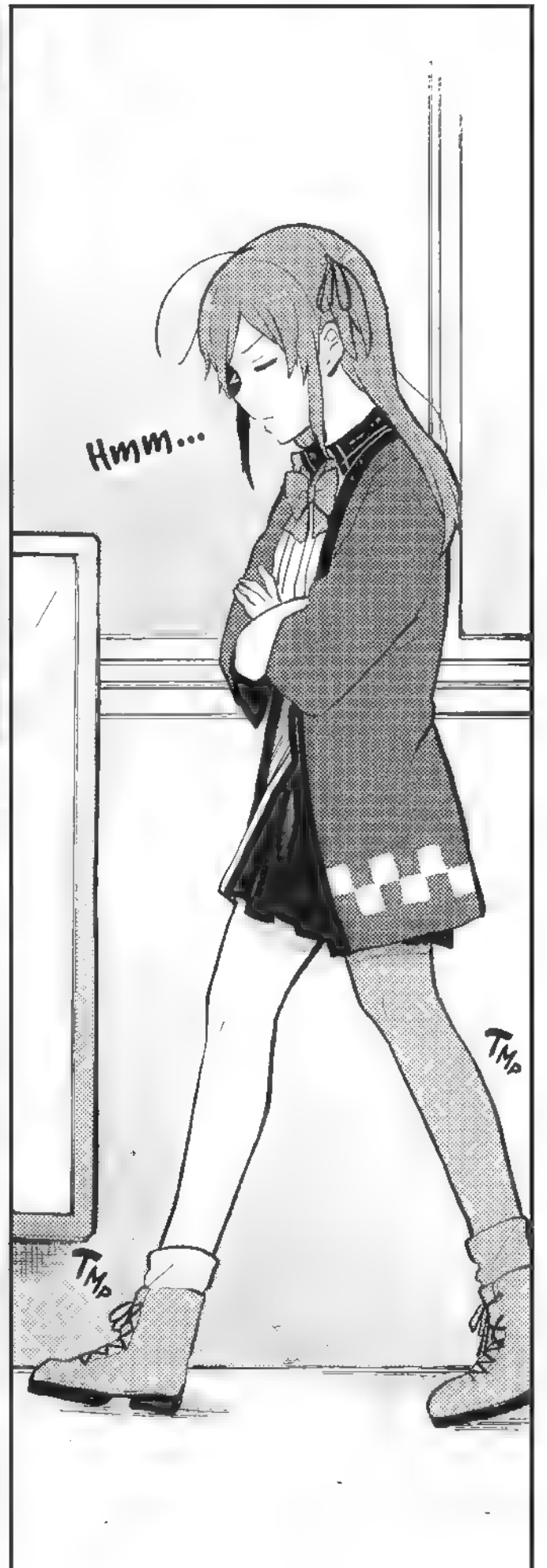
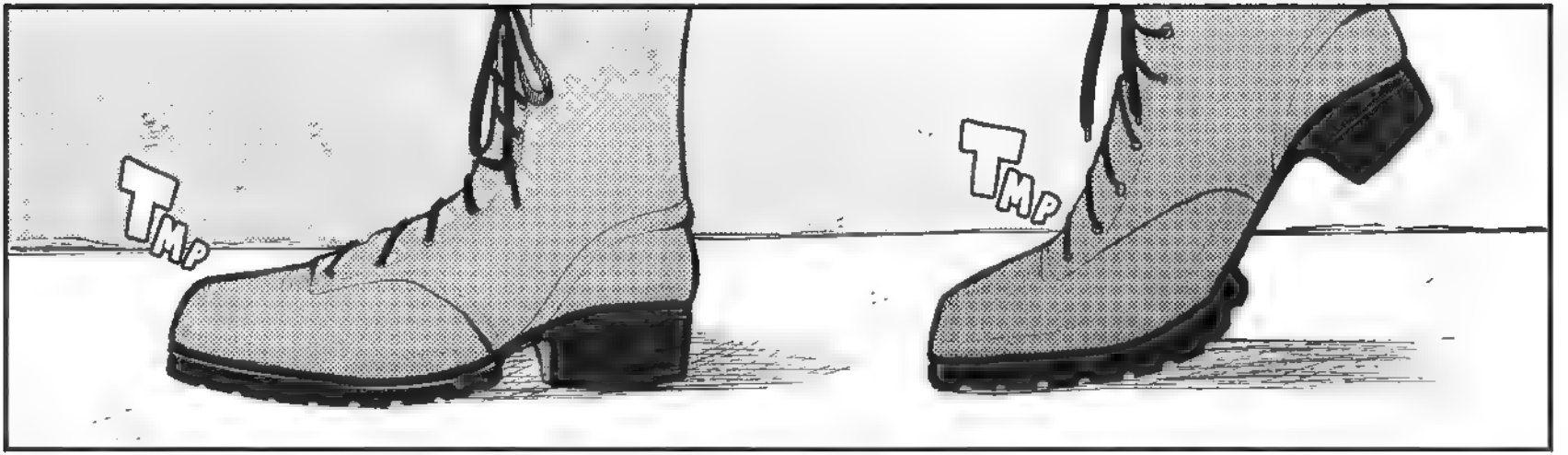


GYAH

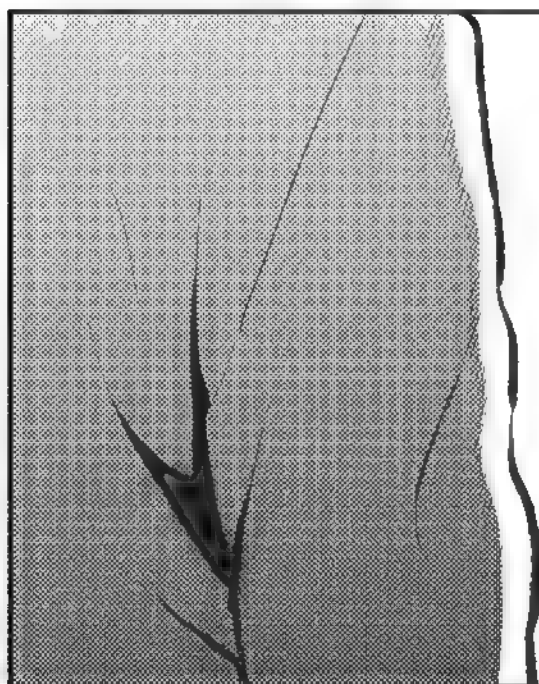
**I'D
JUST
DIE
!!!!**



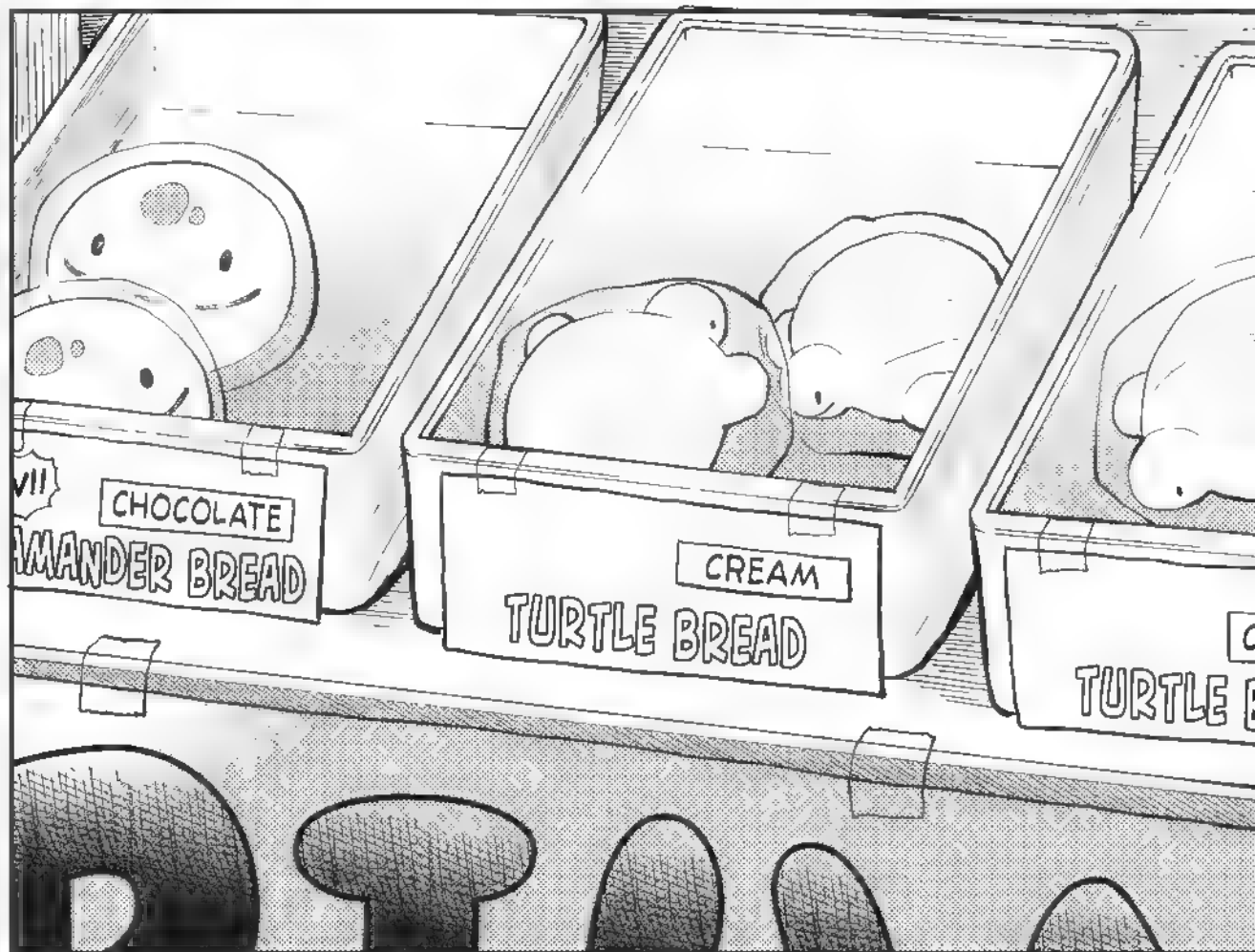
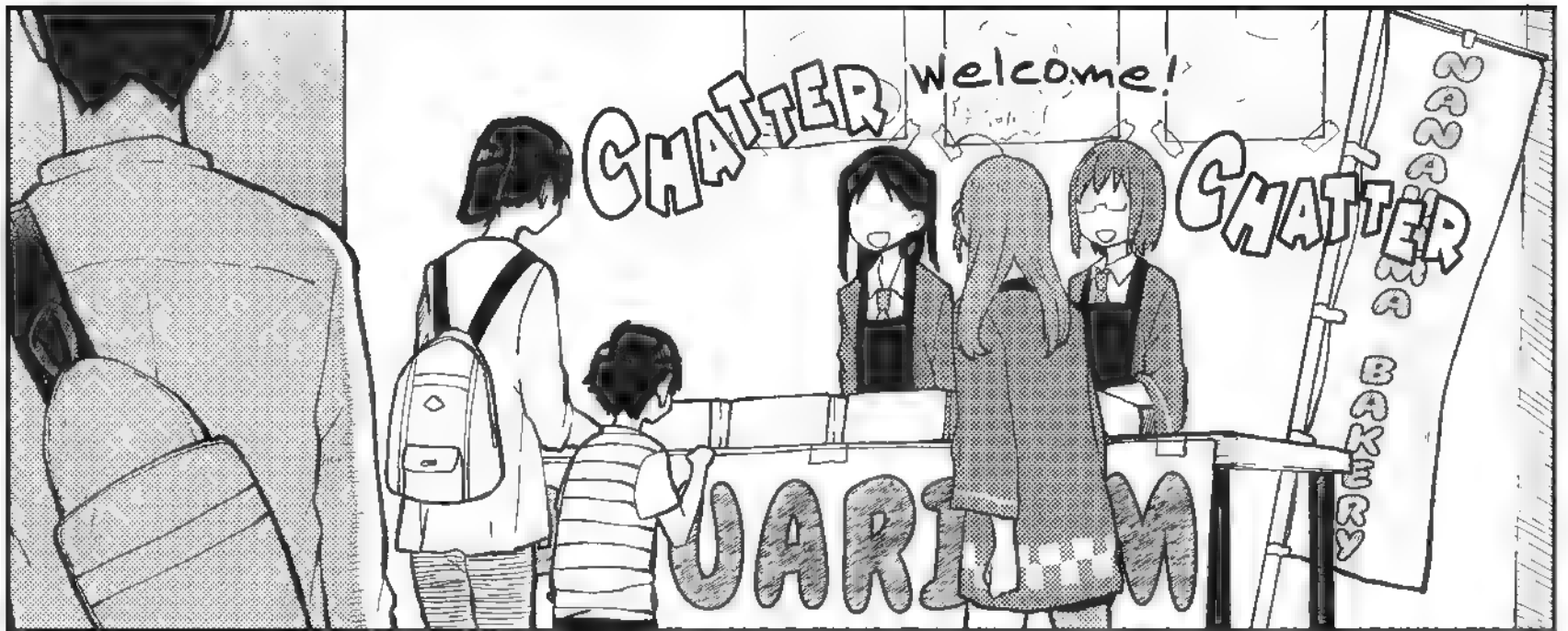
**NOW
WHAT
DO I
DO?**







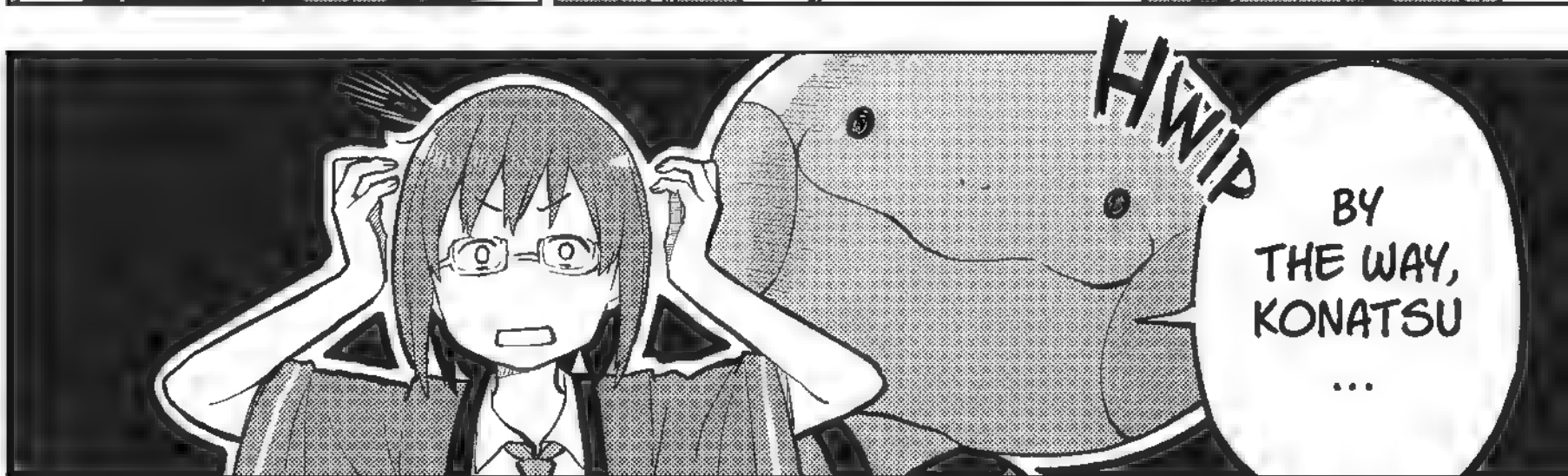






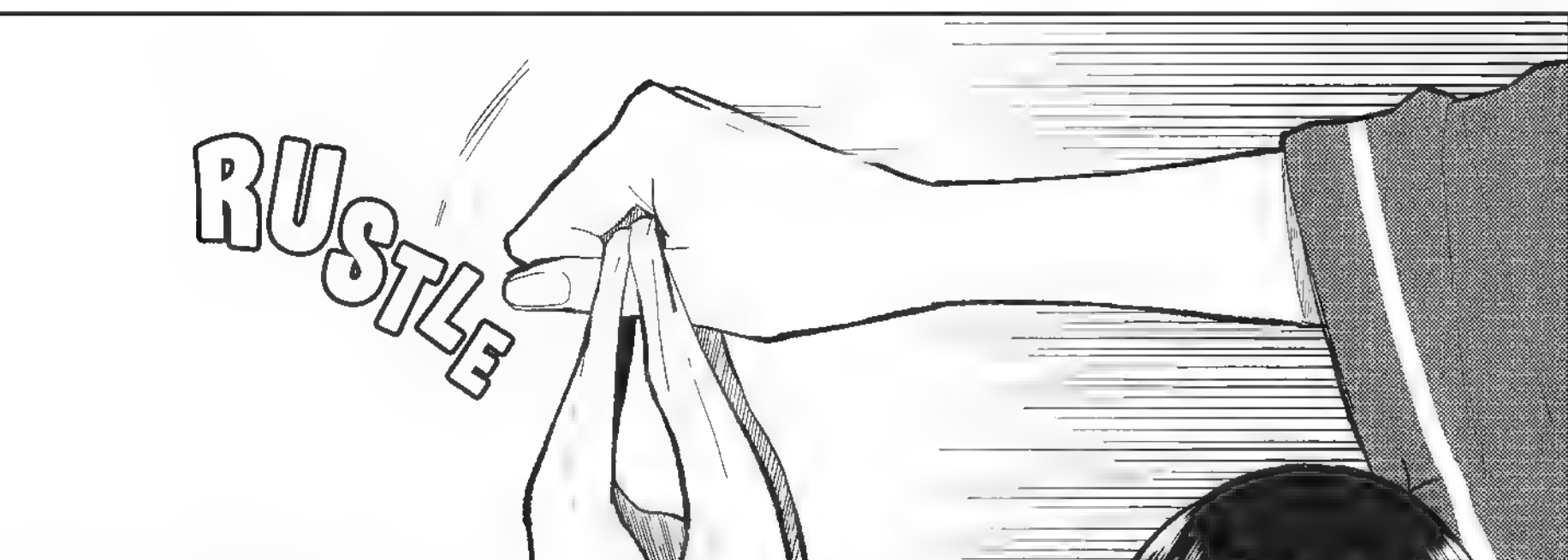


And
you wouldn't
understand
anyway.



IT'S
AMBERJACK
TIME!
WANNA GO
SEE?

P
W
O
P





BUT I HAVE A SHOW, SO I CAN'T TAKE A BREAK RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU.

KEEP PUSHING YOURSELF AND YOU'LL COLLAPSE!



KONATSU BOUGHT THAT FOR ME?



HUH?

SO LET ME DO THE SHOW!!

BA

M



OH... RIGHT. I just thought...

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW.



I DO
THIS
ALL THE
TIME. I'M
FINE.

DON'T
WORRY
SO
MUCH.



BUT YOUR
"FINE" ISN'T
ACTUALLY
FINE.



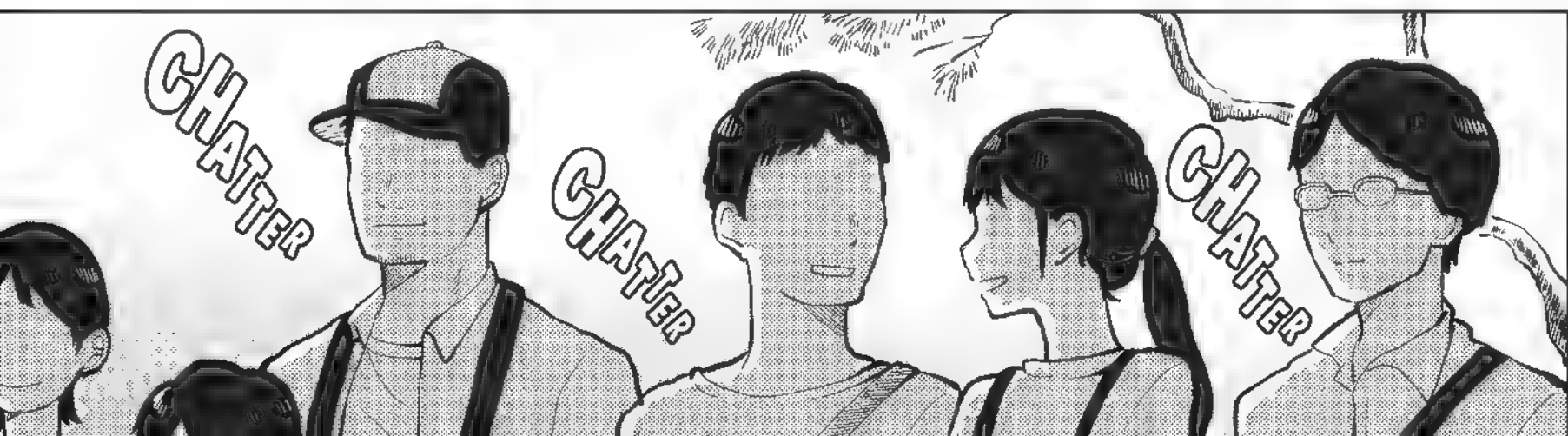
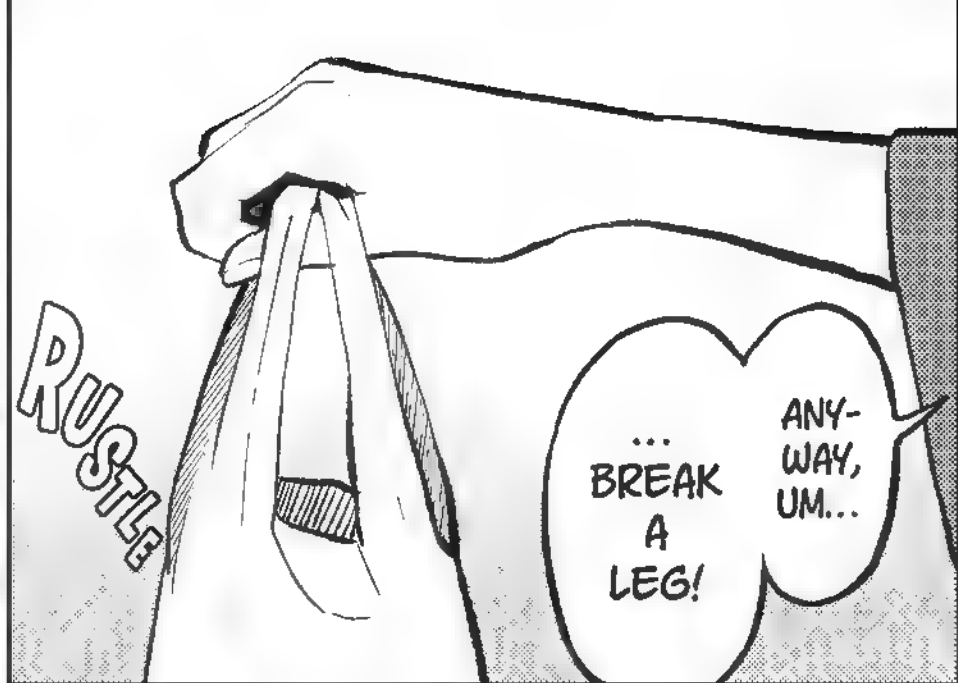
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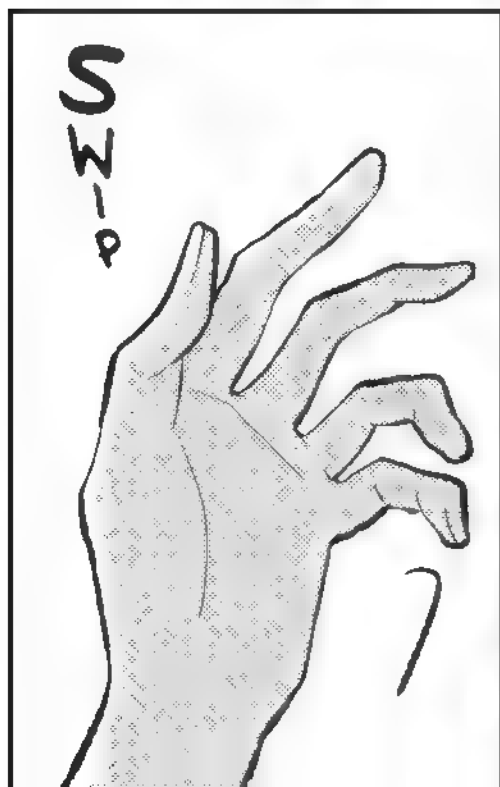


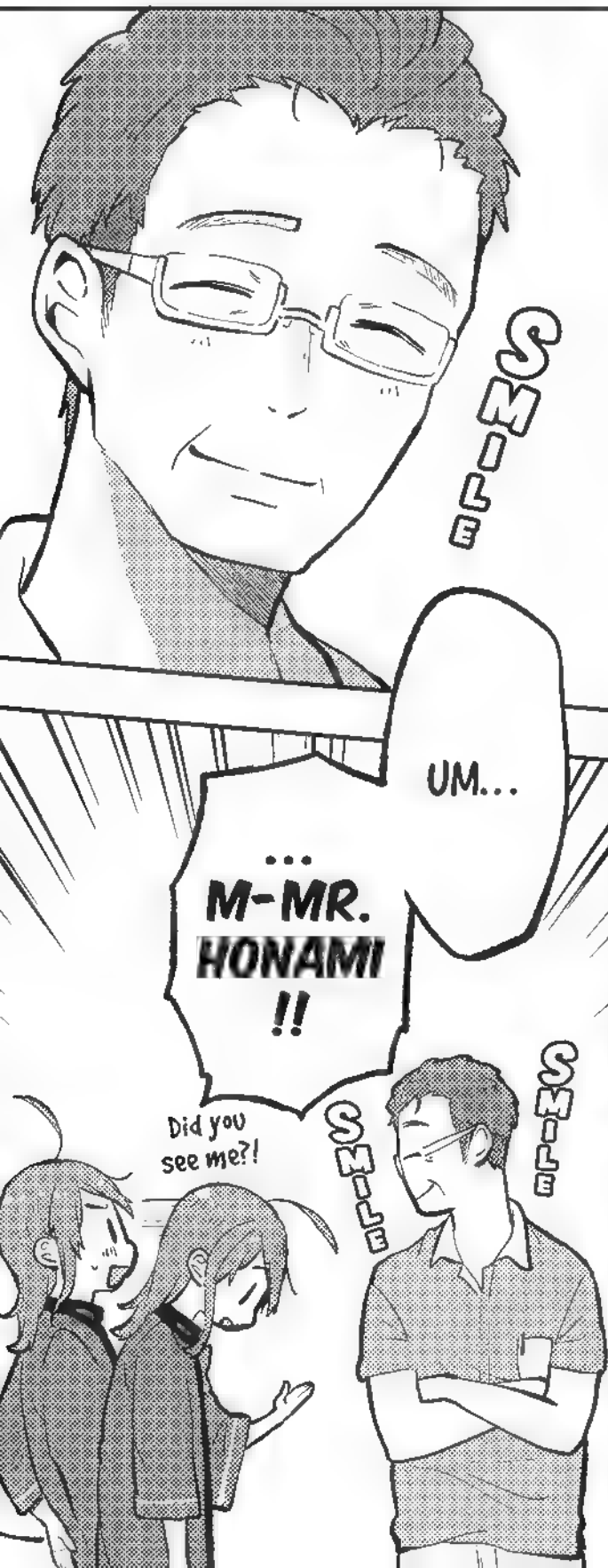
SO...

BESIDES,
IT'S *MY*
FAULT
YOU'RE SO
BUSY.











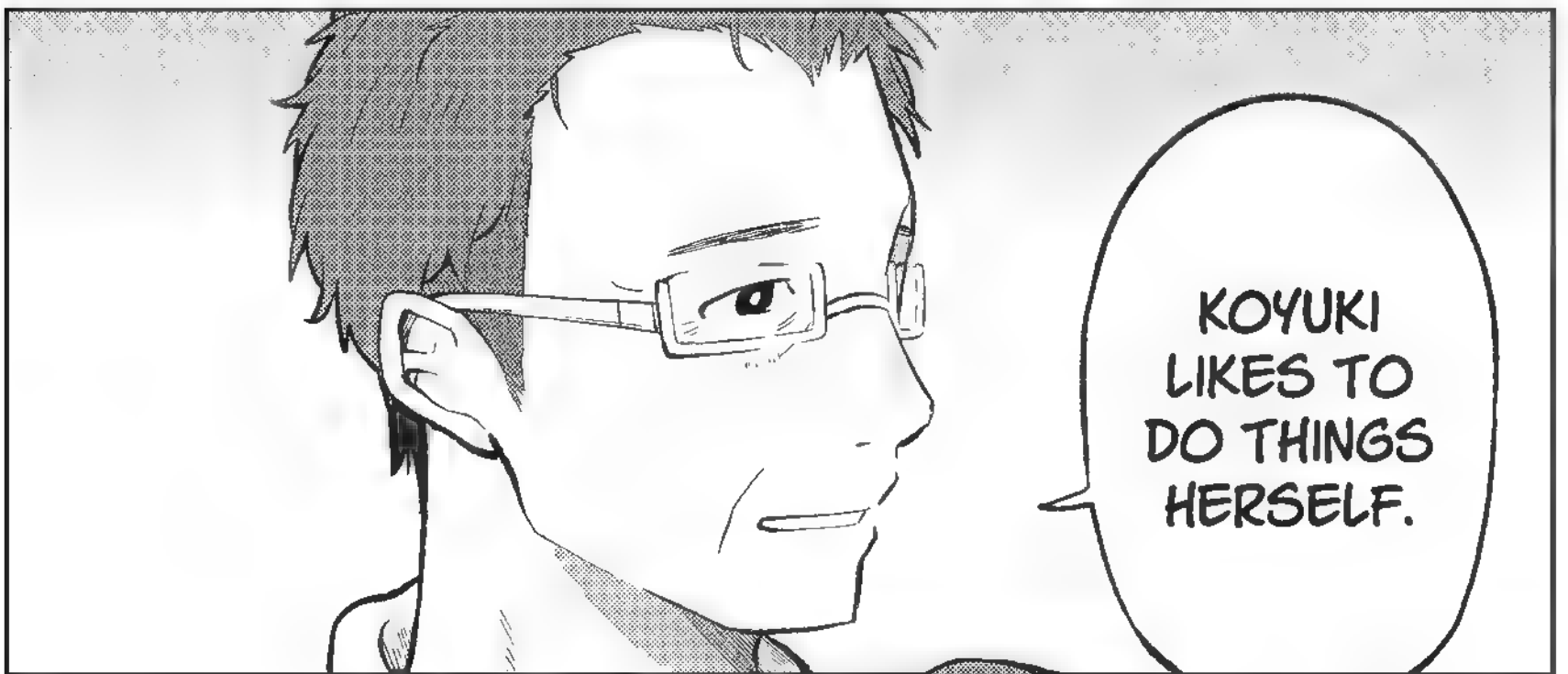
...
I CAN'T
MAKE
THINGS
EASIER
ON HER!

BUT IF
I DON'T
IMPROVE
...



I'M
TOTALLY
USELESS.

I CAN'T
EVEN
ANSWER
QUES-
TIONS!



KOYUKI
LIKES TO
DO THINGS
HERSELF.



... TAKE
THINGS
AT YOUR
OWN
PACE.

SO
YOU
CAN
JUST
...



AND I
THINK THAT'S
THANKS TO
YOU!



ACTU-
ALLY...

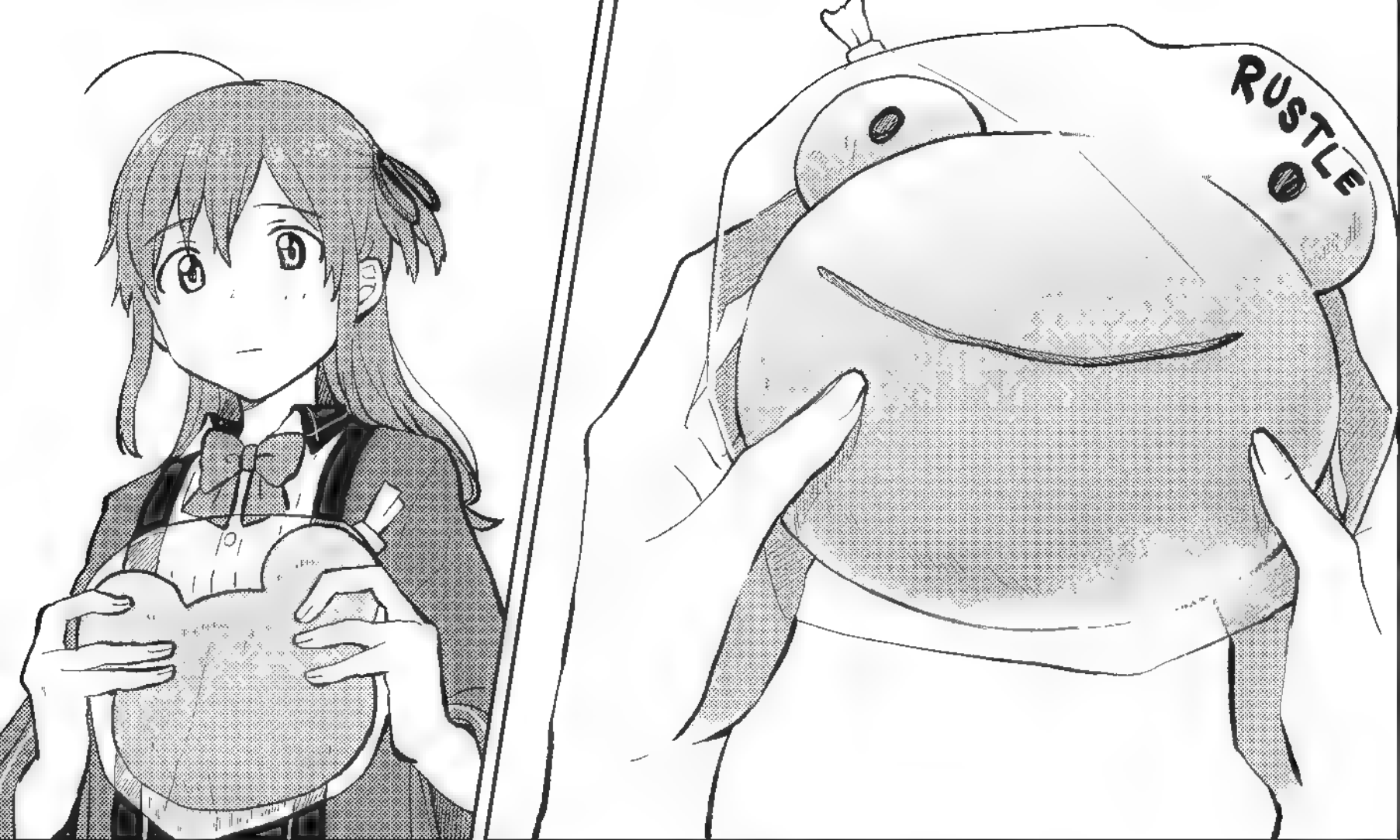
But if I
do that,
I'll never
catch up
to her.

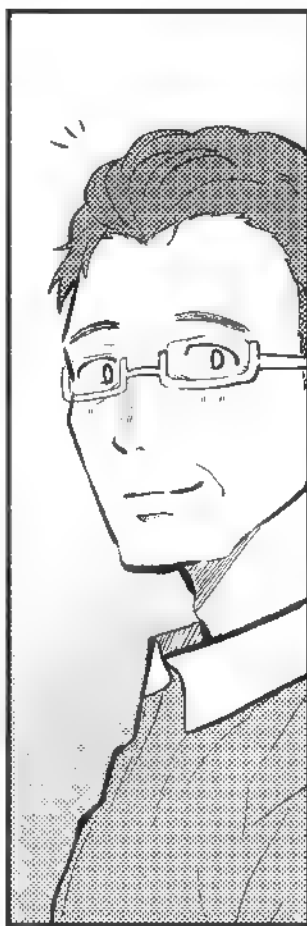
GWUP



...
KÖYUKI
HAS
LOOKED
MORE
CHEERFUL
RECENT-
LY.

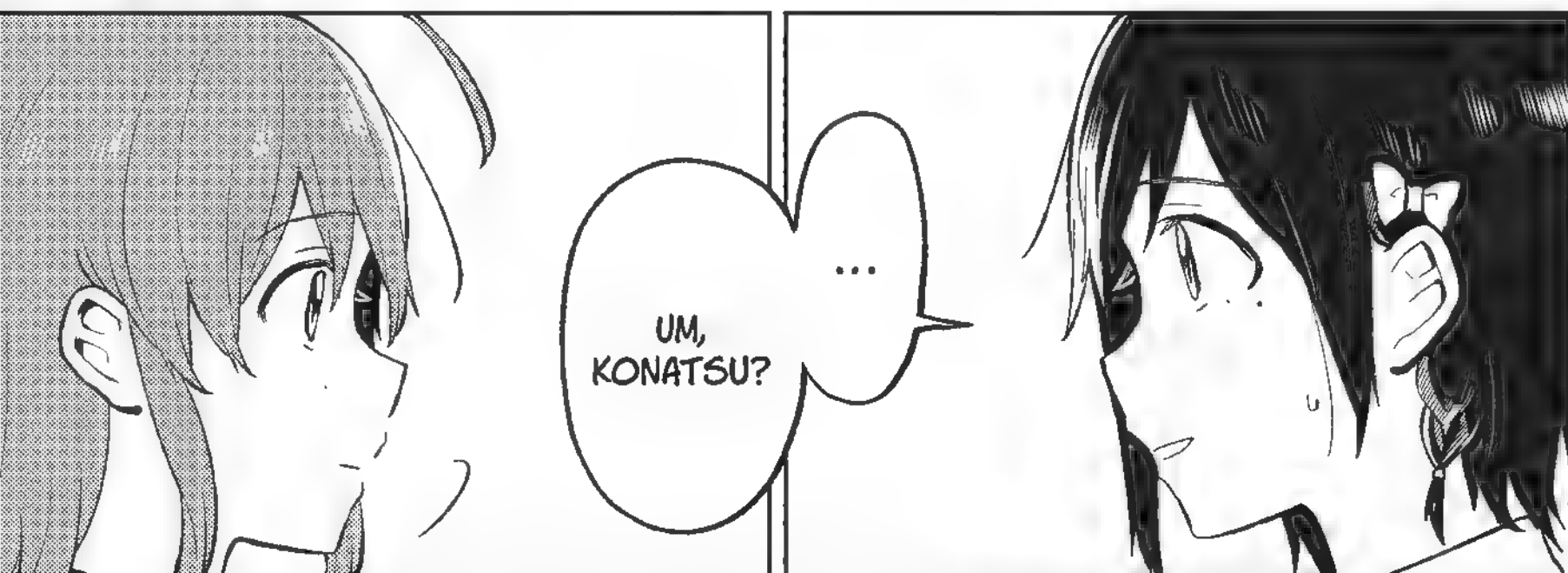








THIS IS
AWK-
WARD.



UM,
KONATSU?

...



YOU
ALWAYS
APOLO-
GIZE.

SORRY
ABOUT
EARLIER.

I
KNOW.
SORRY.

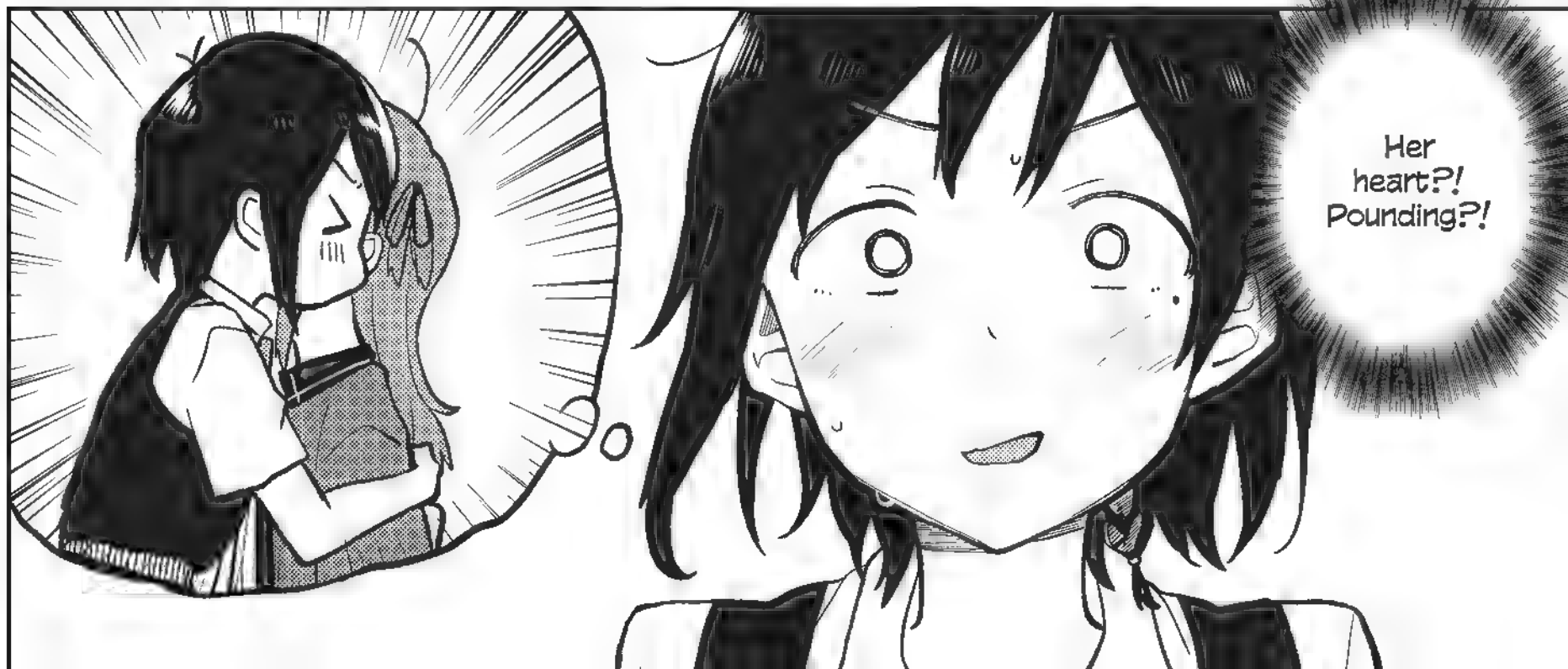
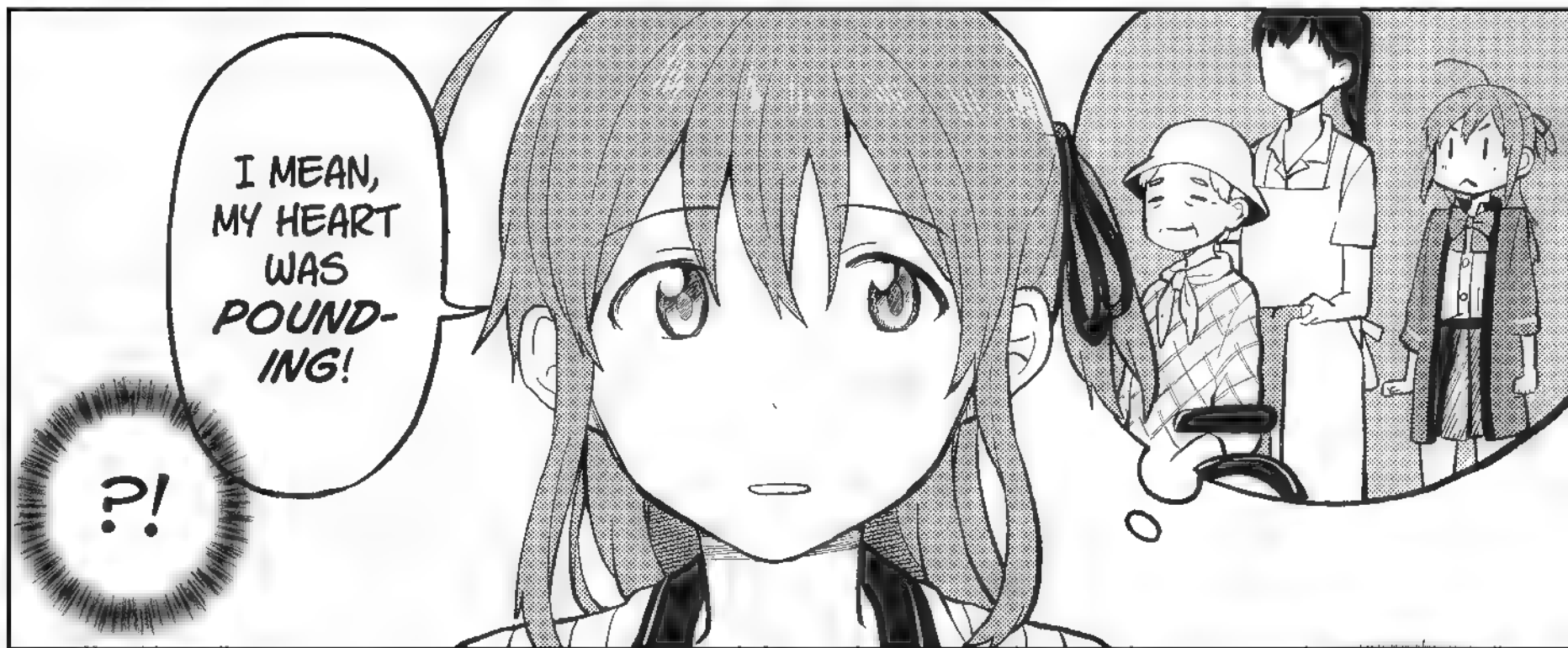
I'LL
EAT THAT
BREAD
LATER.



Um...

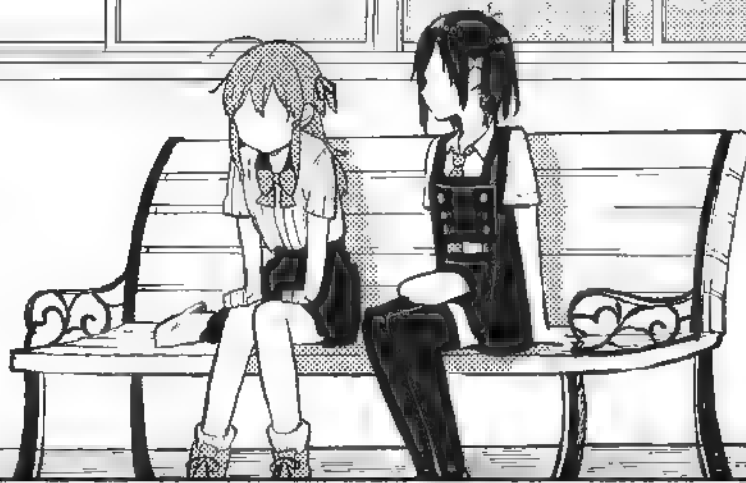
HOW
WAS YOUR
FIRST OPEN
HOUSE?

THIS
IS SO
UNCOM-
FORTABLE
...





OH... IS
THAT
WHAT HAP-
PENED?



YOU'RE
NEW, BUT
IT'LL GET
EASIER.

BESIDES,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
TALK TO
PEOPLE.



I
DON'T?

BUT YOU
SHOULD
ANSWER
THEIR
QUESTIONS
IF THEY
HAVE
THEM...



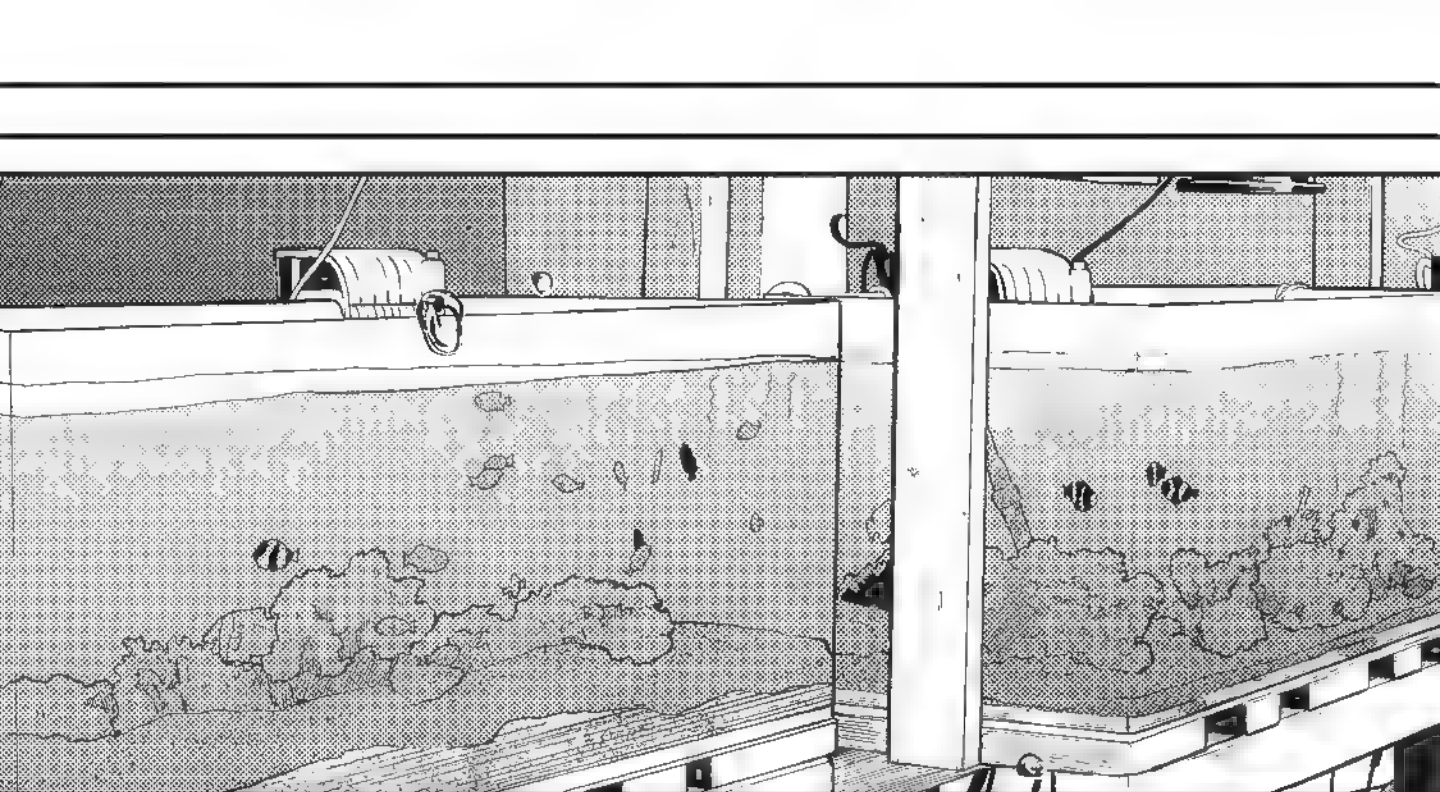
...
WITHOUT
ANY
INTER-
RUPTIONS.

SOME
PEOPLE
JUST
WANT TO
LOOK...










Then
why
did
she...





"DO YOU
LIKE
SALAMAN-
DERS?"



...speak
to me
that
time?





"YOU
JUST
NEED
TO BE
THERE
FOR
HER."

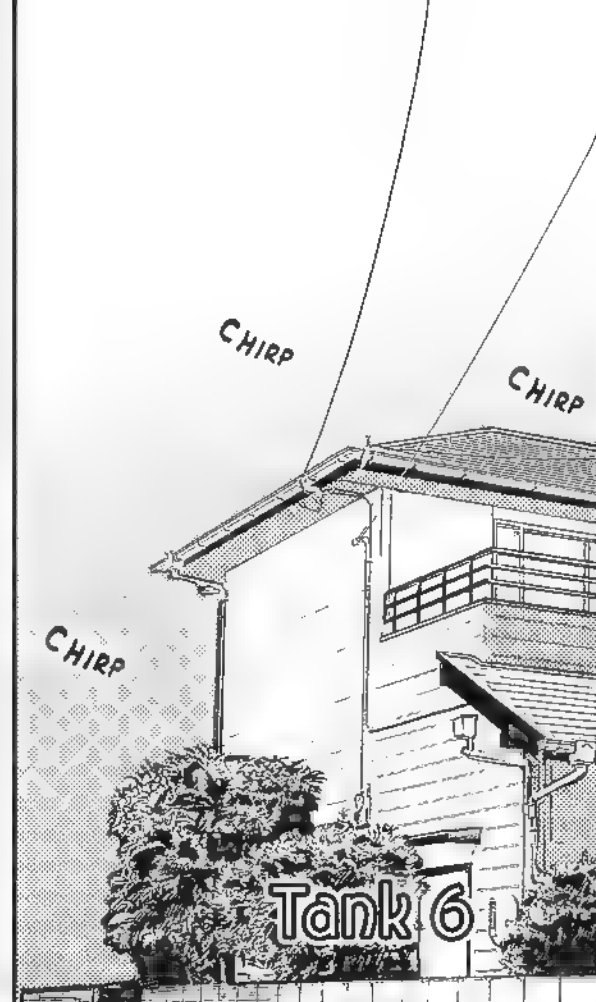


AM I
A LITTLE
CLOSER
TO BEING
HER
FROG
NOW?



I can't see anything!





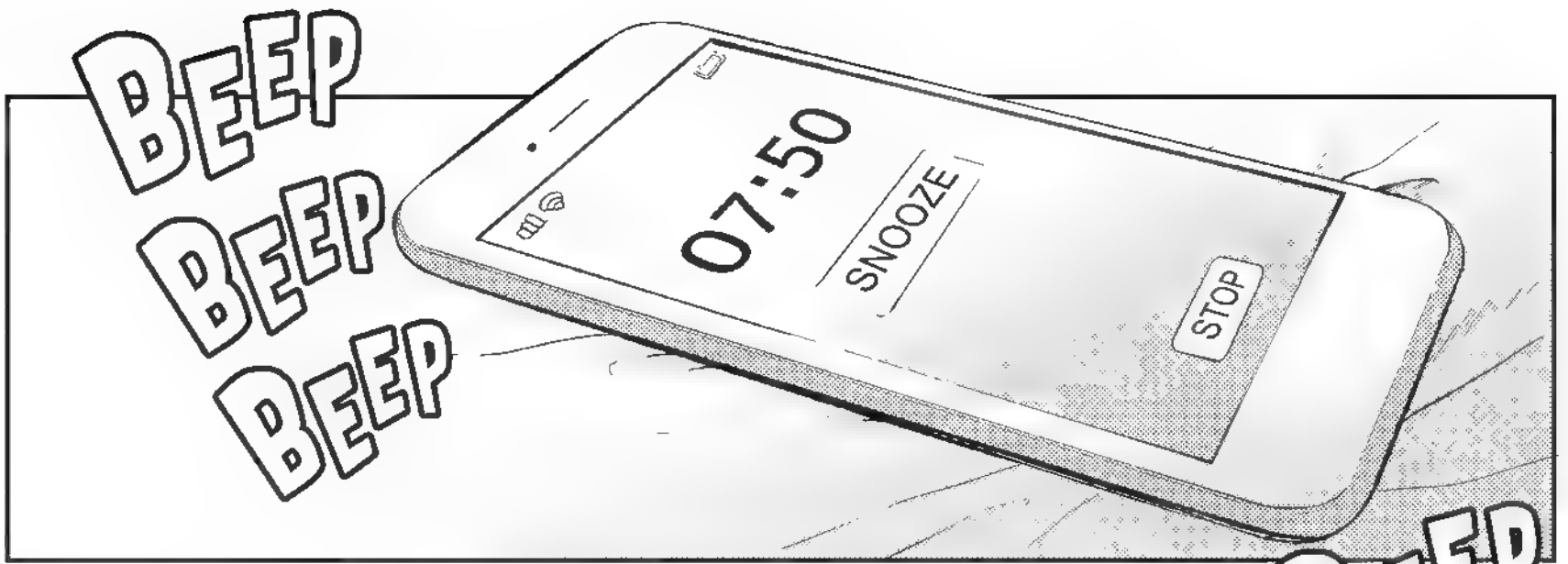




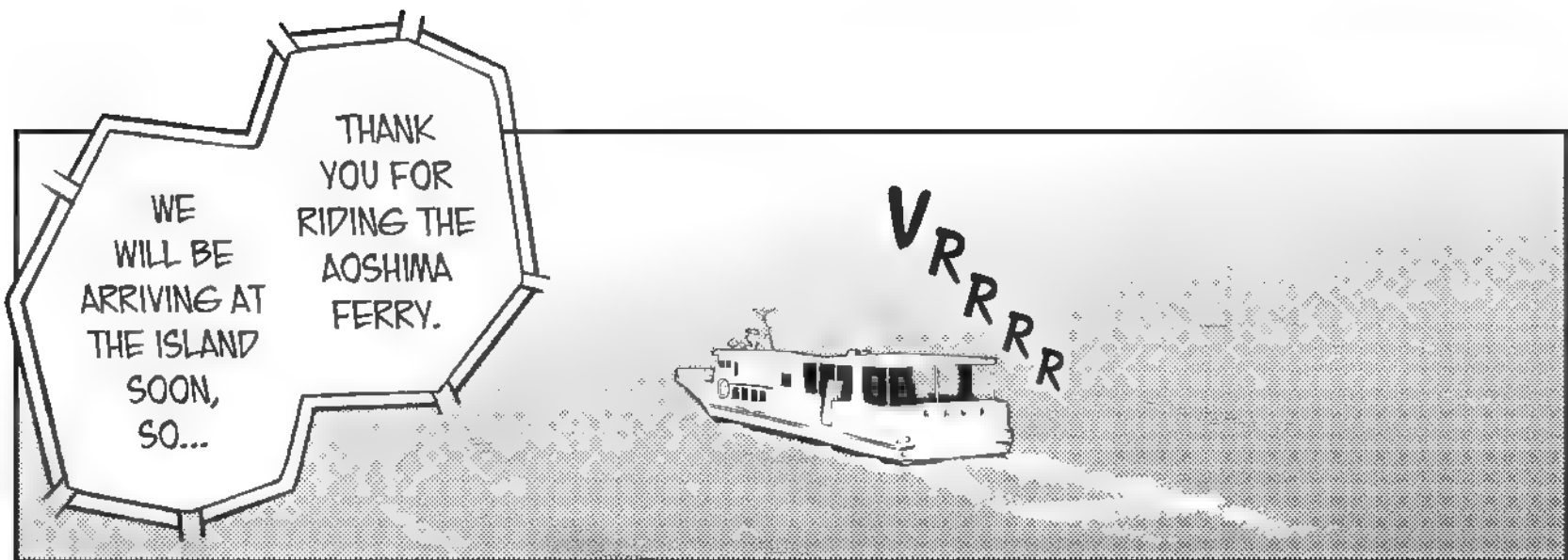
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Koyuki Honami Can't Take a Step Forward













...is a good time to ask!!

Maybe this...



...BUT I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW HER NUMBER !!!

I'D CALL HER ANY-TIME...



UM, EXCUSE US!

KONATSU, UM-



THANKS!

YES, OF COURSE!

WAS HONAMI GOING TO ASK SOMETHING?

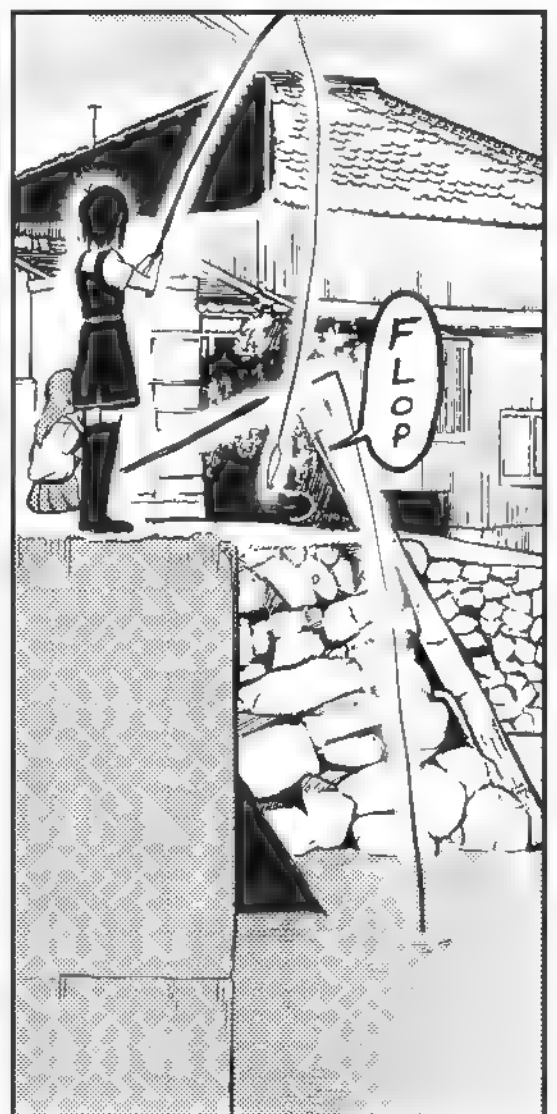


IT'S OUR FIRST TIME OUT HERE!

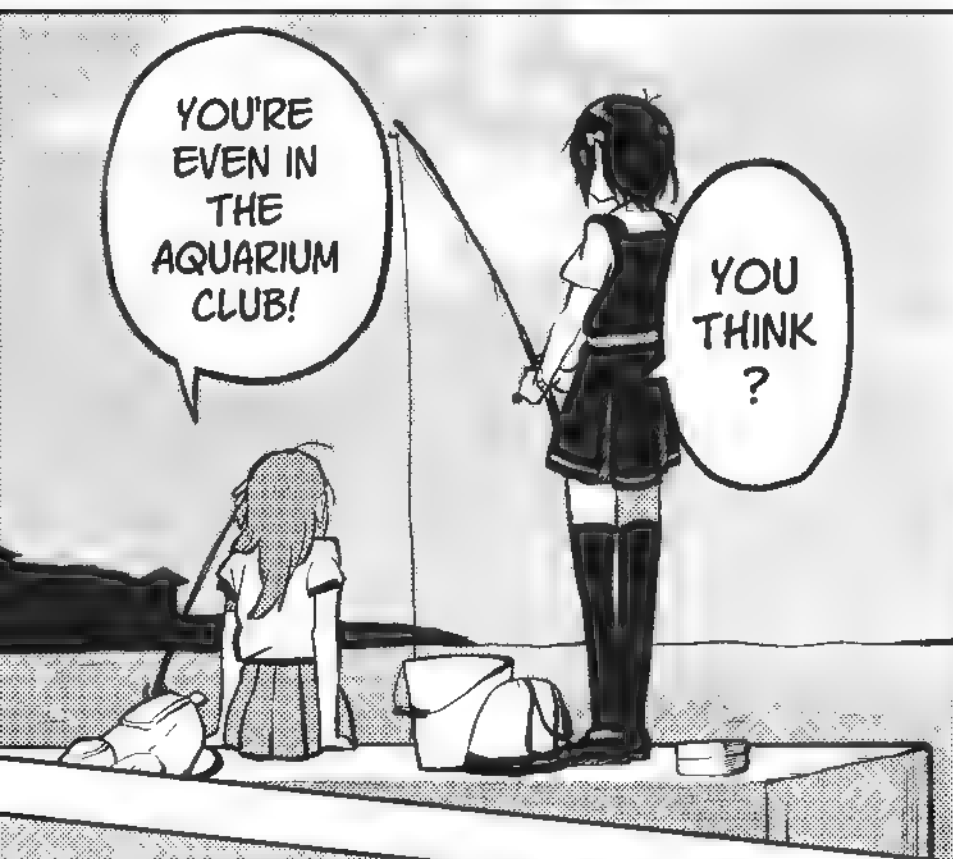
WOULD YOU TAKE OUR PICTURE?









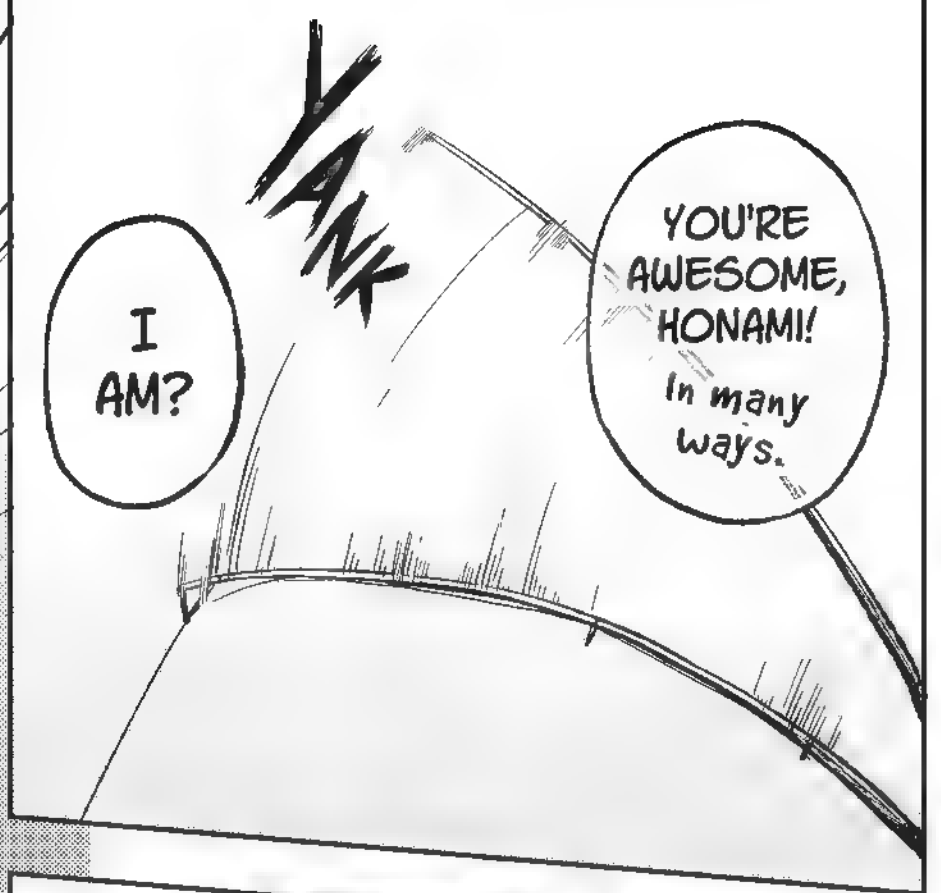


...AND
MY DAD'S
THE
ADVISER.

I'VE
BEEN
AROUND
THE SEA
SINCE
I WAS
BORN...

WELL,
THAT CAME
NATURALLY.

SOME
INTERESTS
JUST COME
NATURALLY.









K
S
H



H

H

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P
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P

W
A
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A
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P
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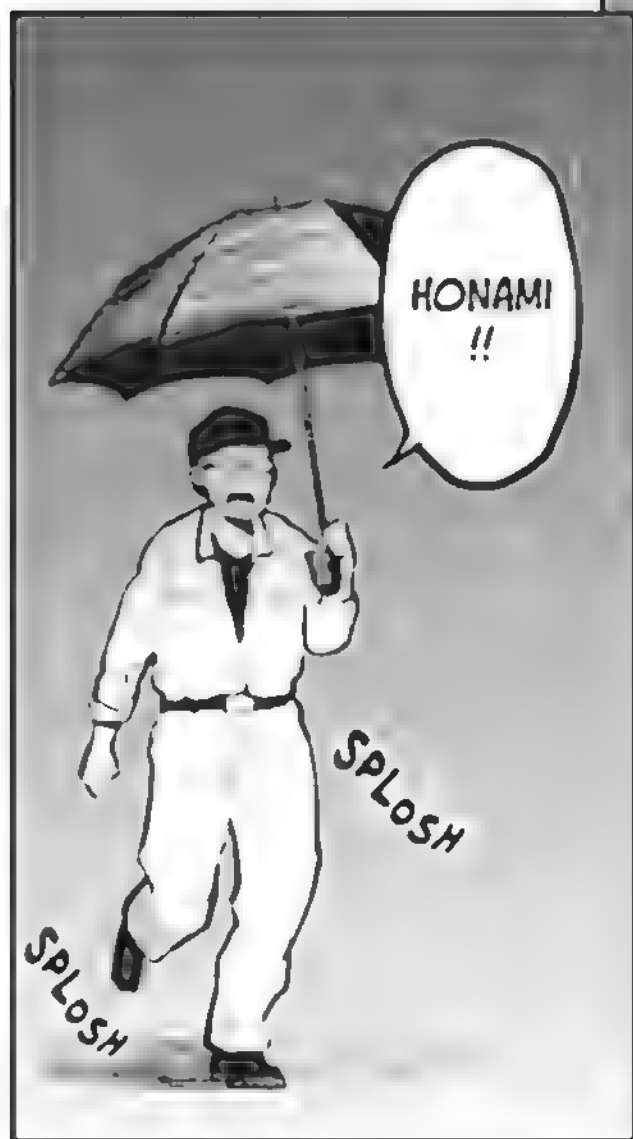


K
S
H

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THIS
COULD
LAST A
WHILE.



HONAMI
!!



IT'S
RUINING
OUR
FISHING
TRIP...

I HOPE
THE CATS
ARE
OKAY.



WE
COULD STAY
SOMEWHERE,
BUT WE
DON'T HAVE
A CHANGE OF
CLOTHES.

IF IT
DOESN'T,
WILL WE
CAMP OUT-
SIDE?!



HOPE-
FULLY
THE RAIN
WILL
STOP
SOON.

THE
RETURN
FERRY IS
DELAYED
BECAUSE
OF THE
WAVES.



K
S
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WE'LL
JUST HAVE
TO WAIT
FOR THE
RAIN TO
STOP.



NOD

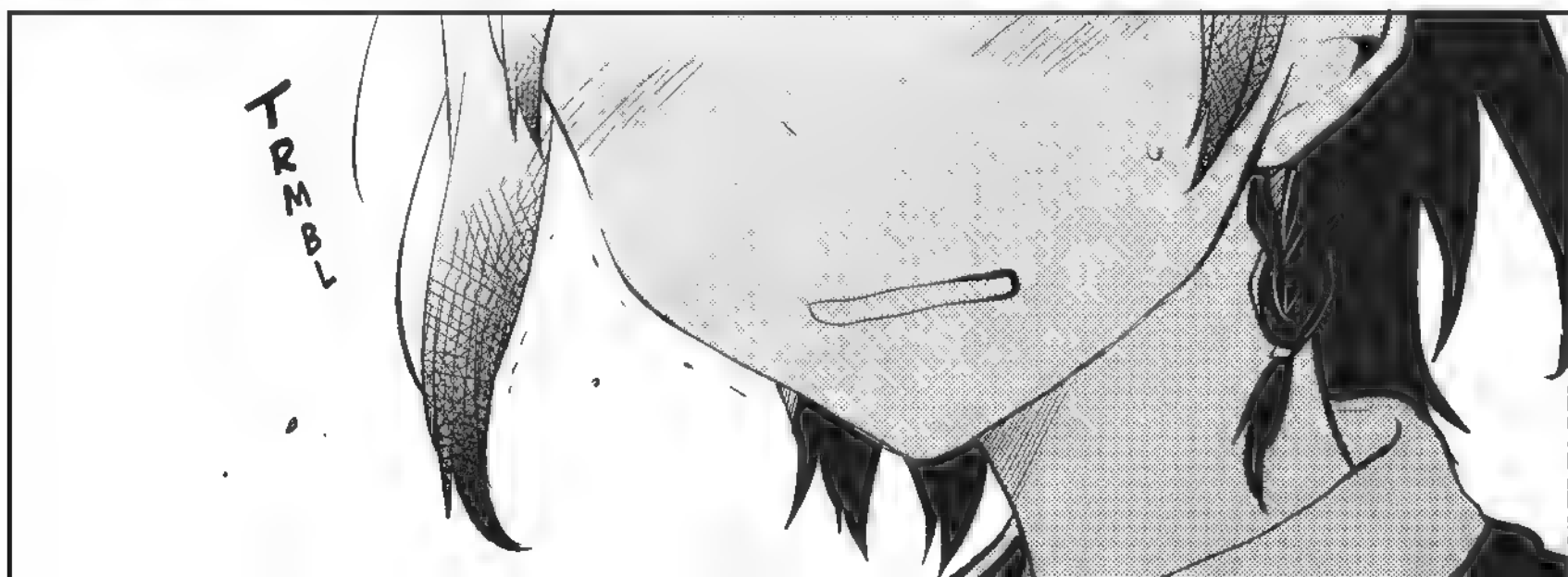
NOD







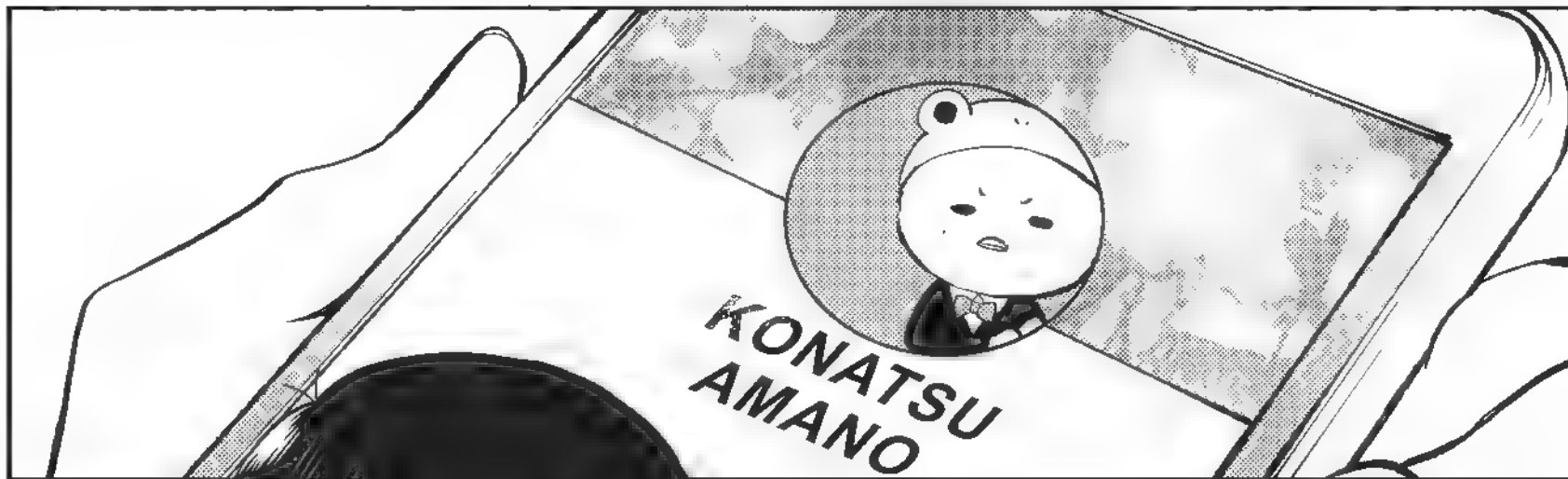




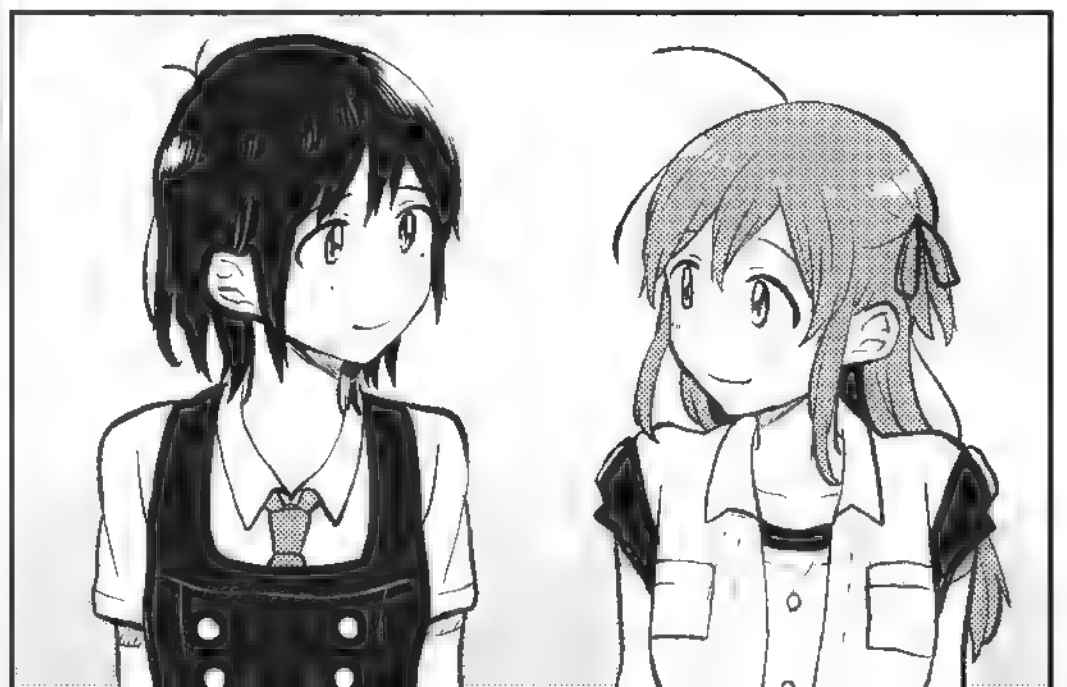
YOU
SEEM...
HYPER
ABOUT
IT.

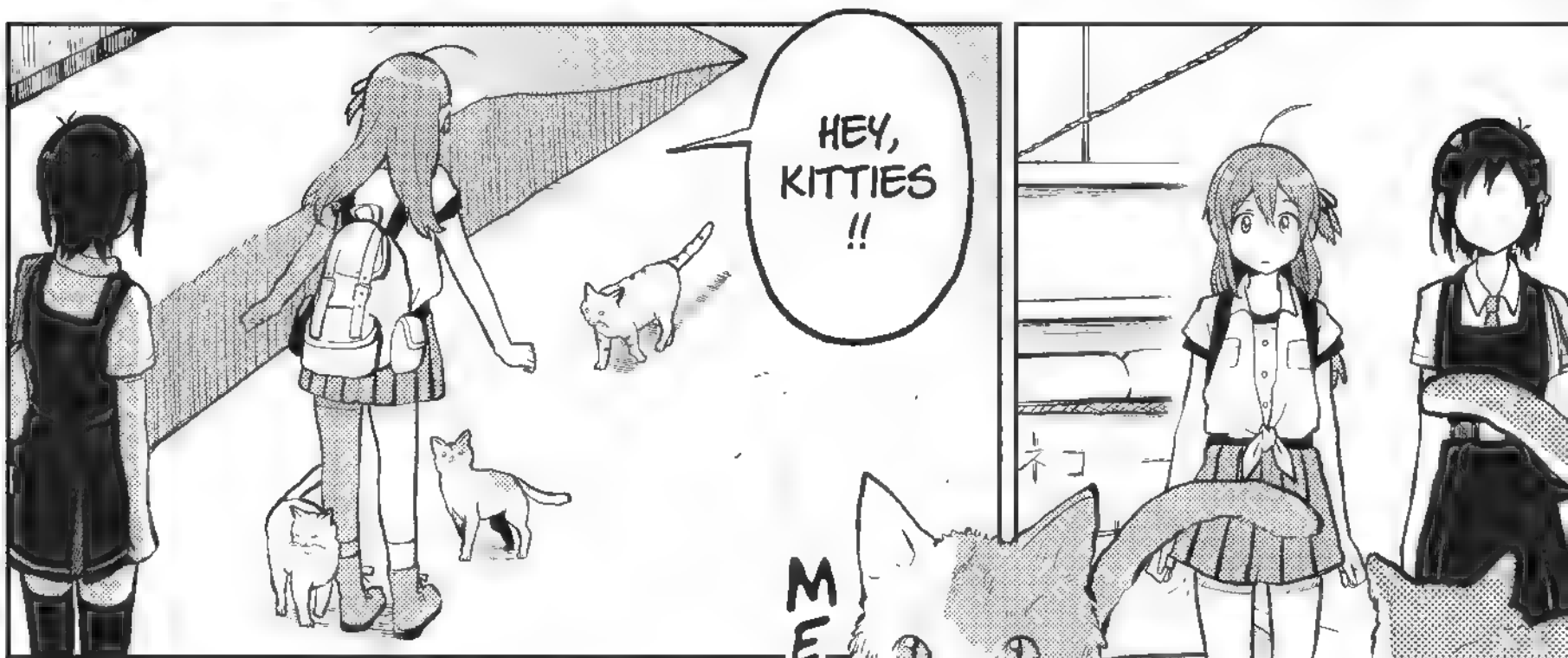
...
SURE
!!!
How
do we
do
this?!

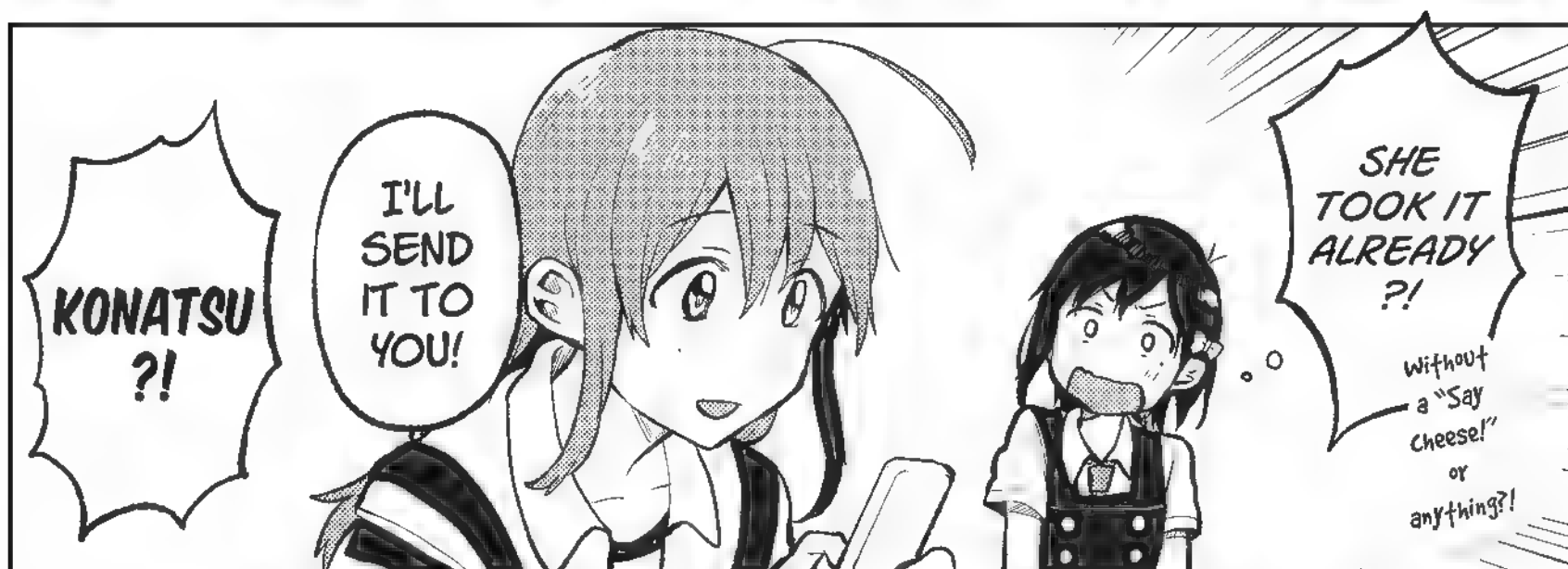
UM
...



LOOK...







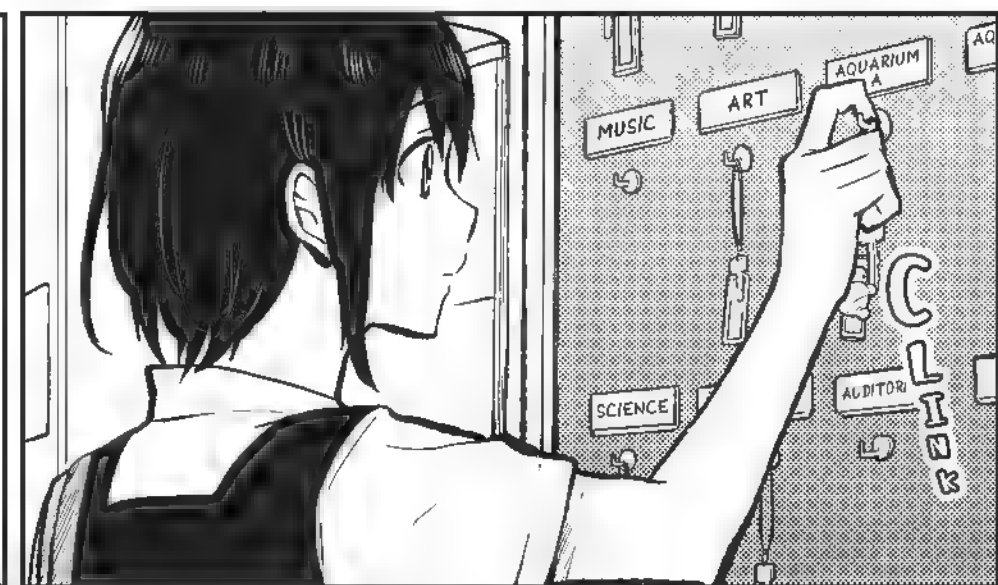


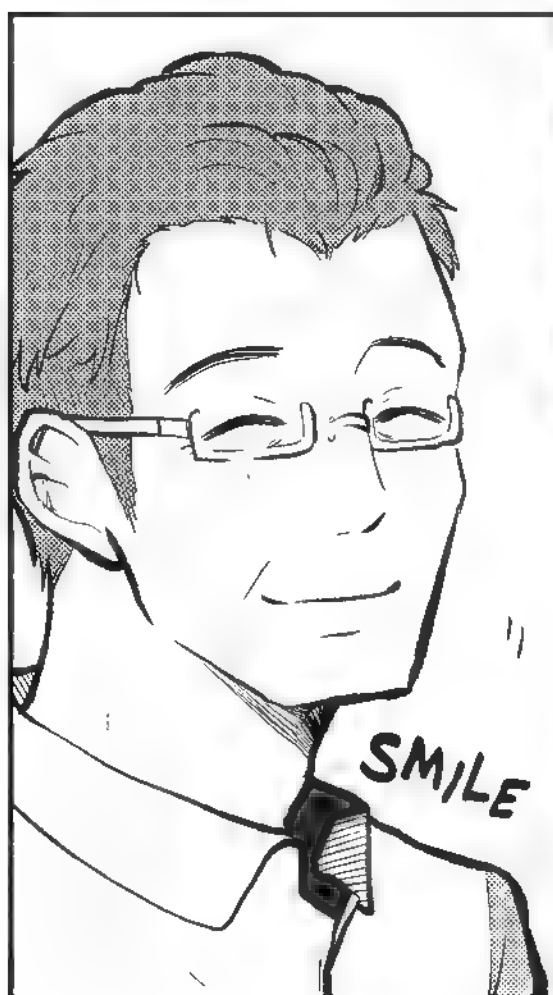


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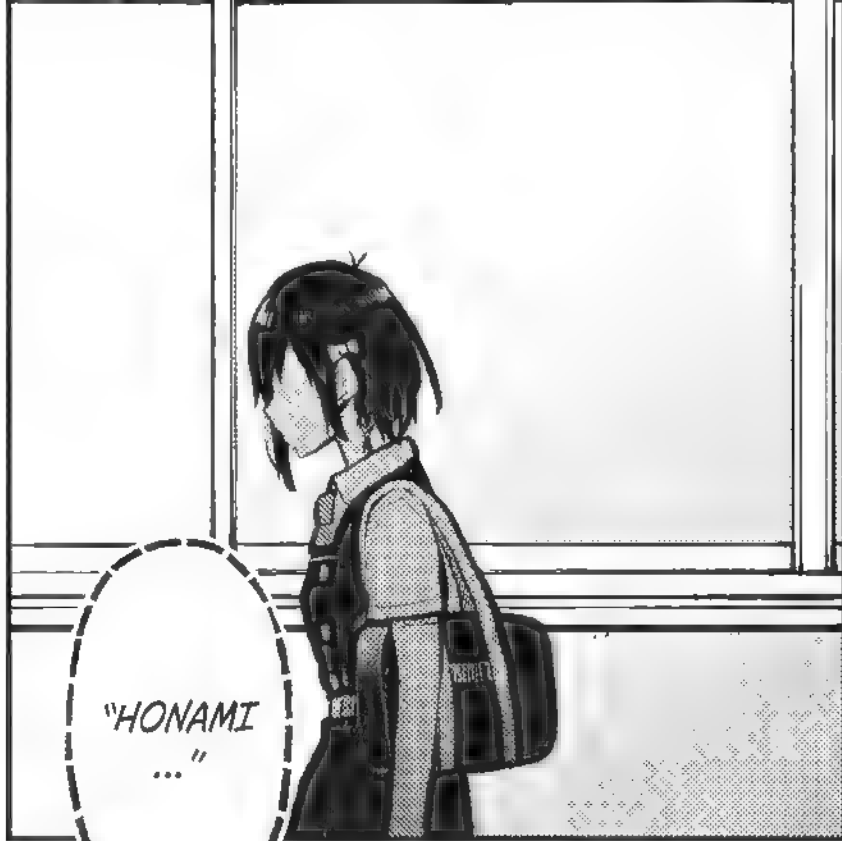


Tank 7:
Koyuki Honami
Can't Reply









"HONAMI
..."



"WOULD
YOU
LIKE
TO..."

"...I'M
ISHIKAWA
IN FIRST
YEAR."



URRRM



It would
be rude
to the
others...

...if I
invited
Amano
now.



FINISHED
WITH
CLUB?

KONATSU
!!

HI,
KAEDE.



But...

HM?



Hey!!
ARE YOU
FREE THIS
AFTER-
NOON?



SO
DID WE!
What a
coincidence!

YEAH, WE
FINISHED
EARLY
TODAY.

I
KNOW A
CAFE WITH
PARFAITS
TO DIE
FOR,
SO...

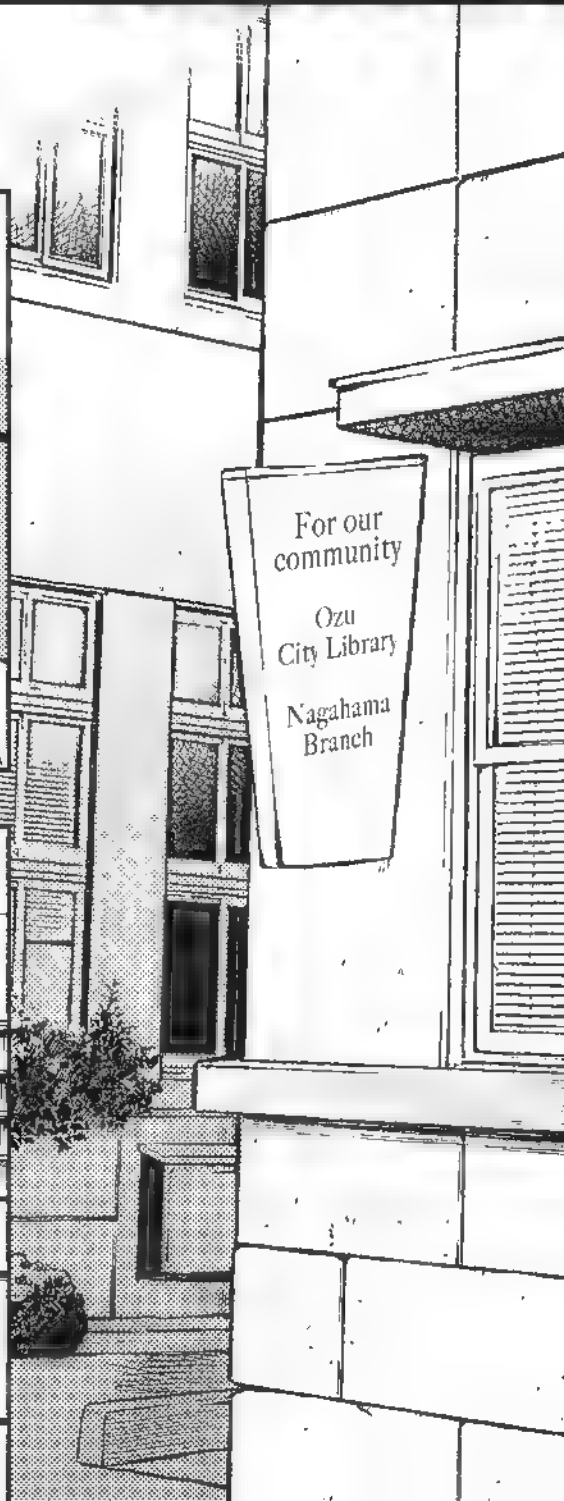
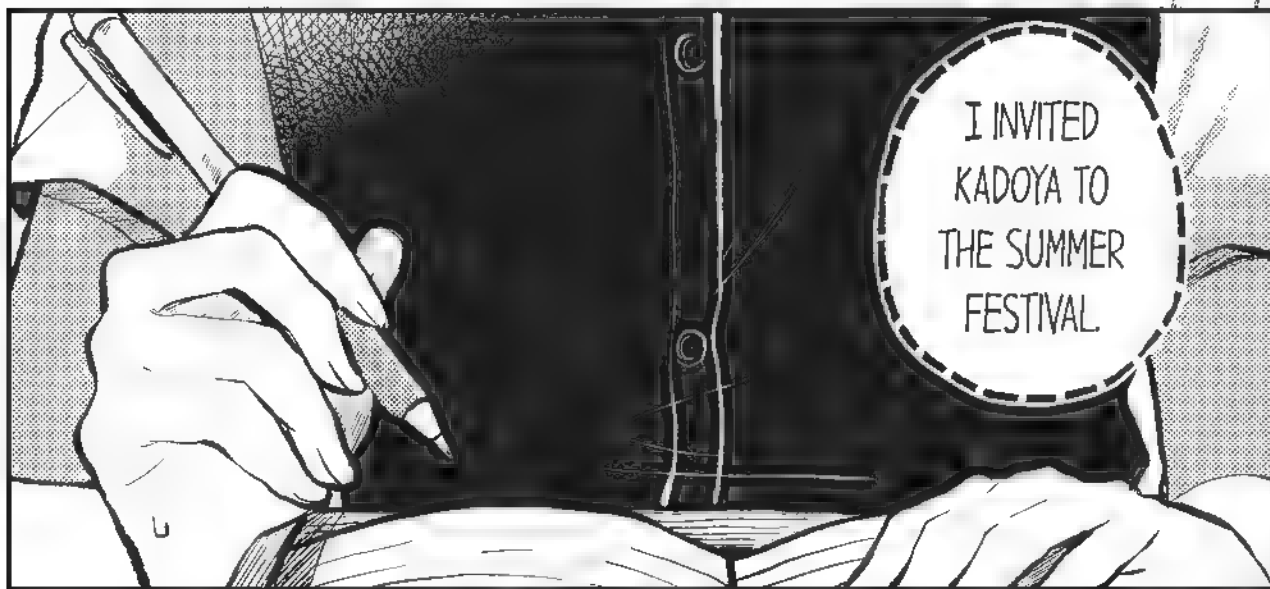


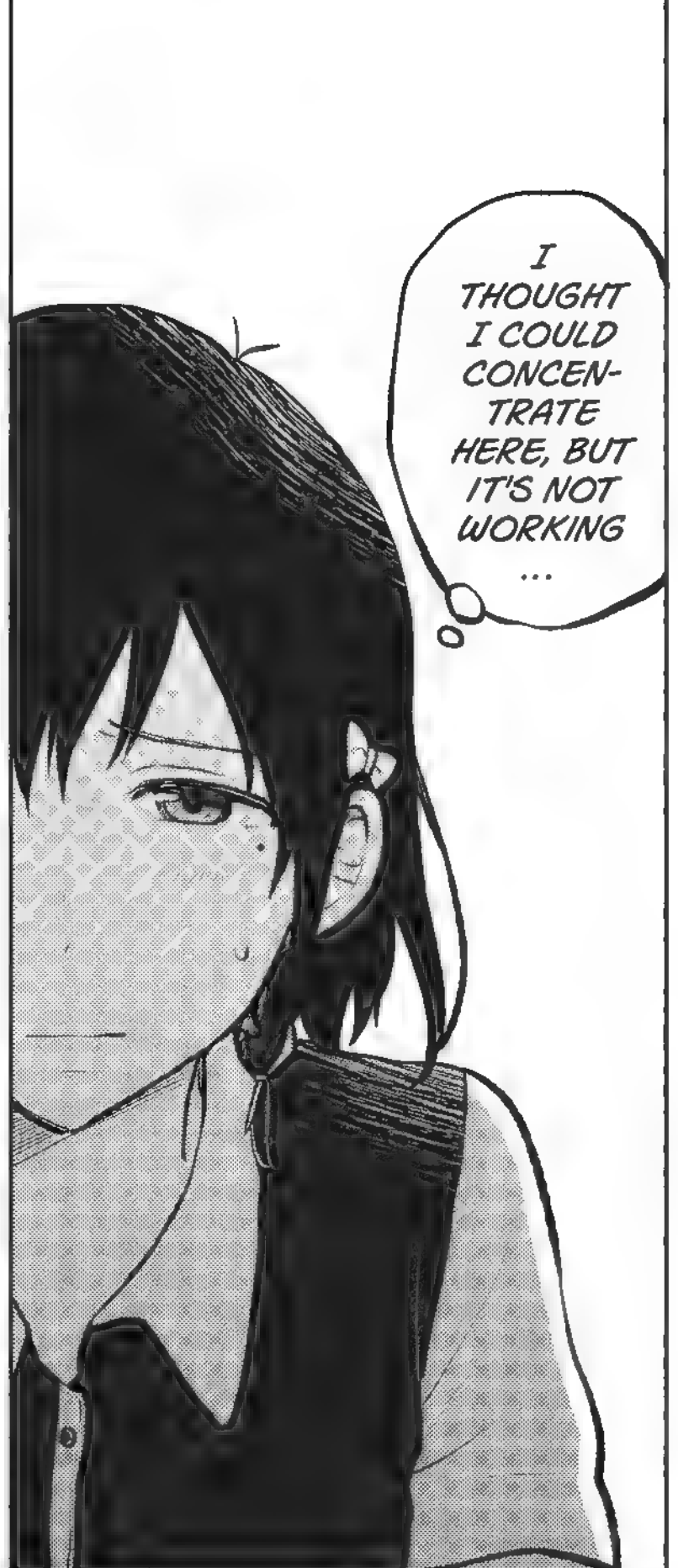
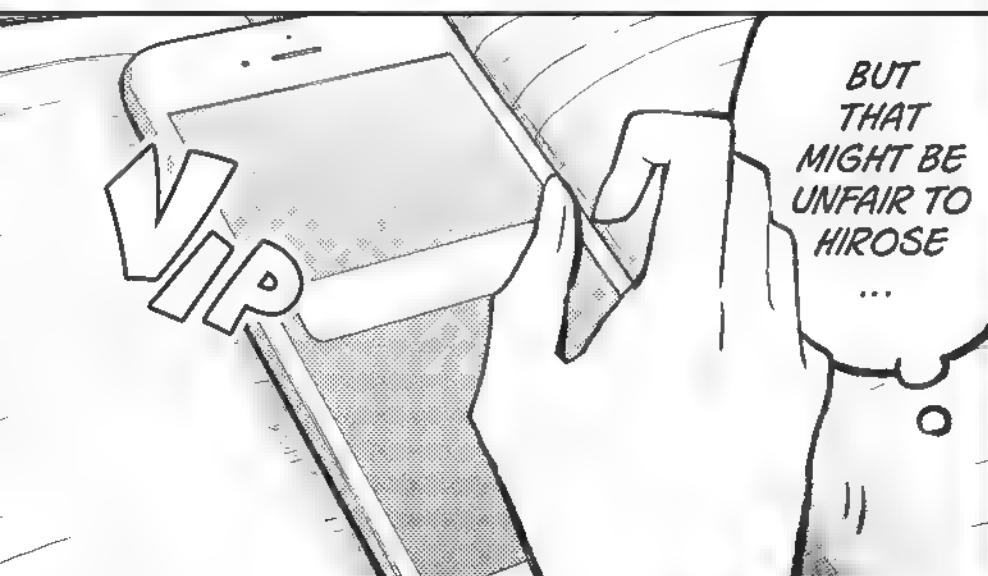
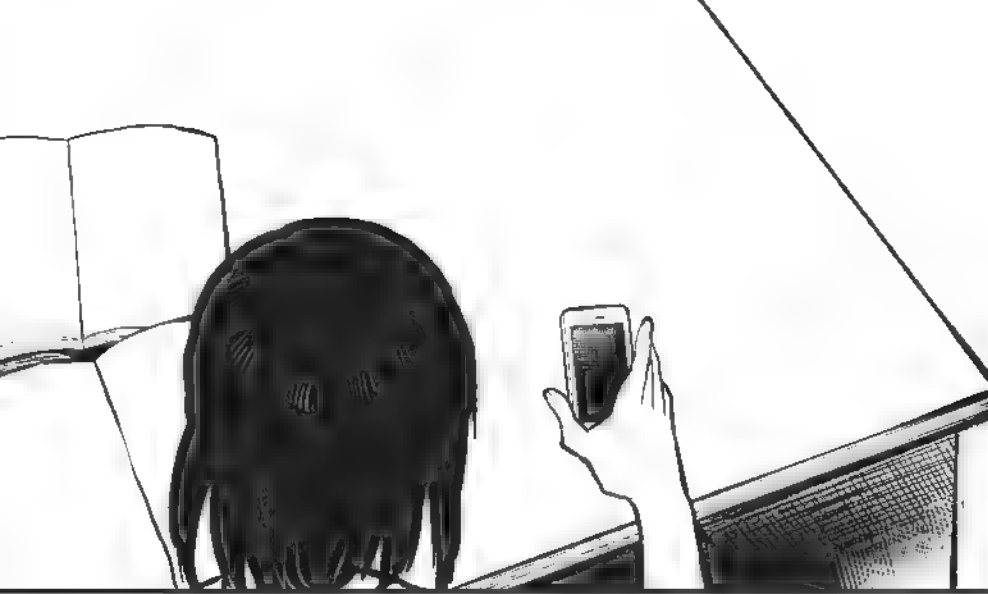


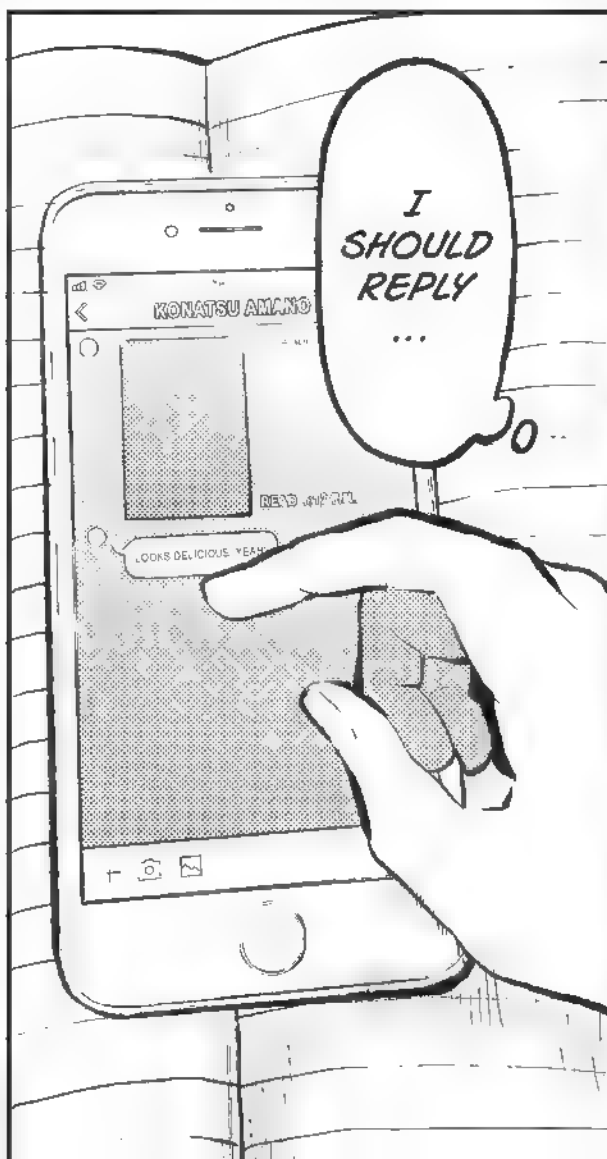
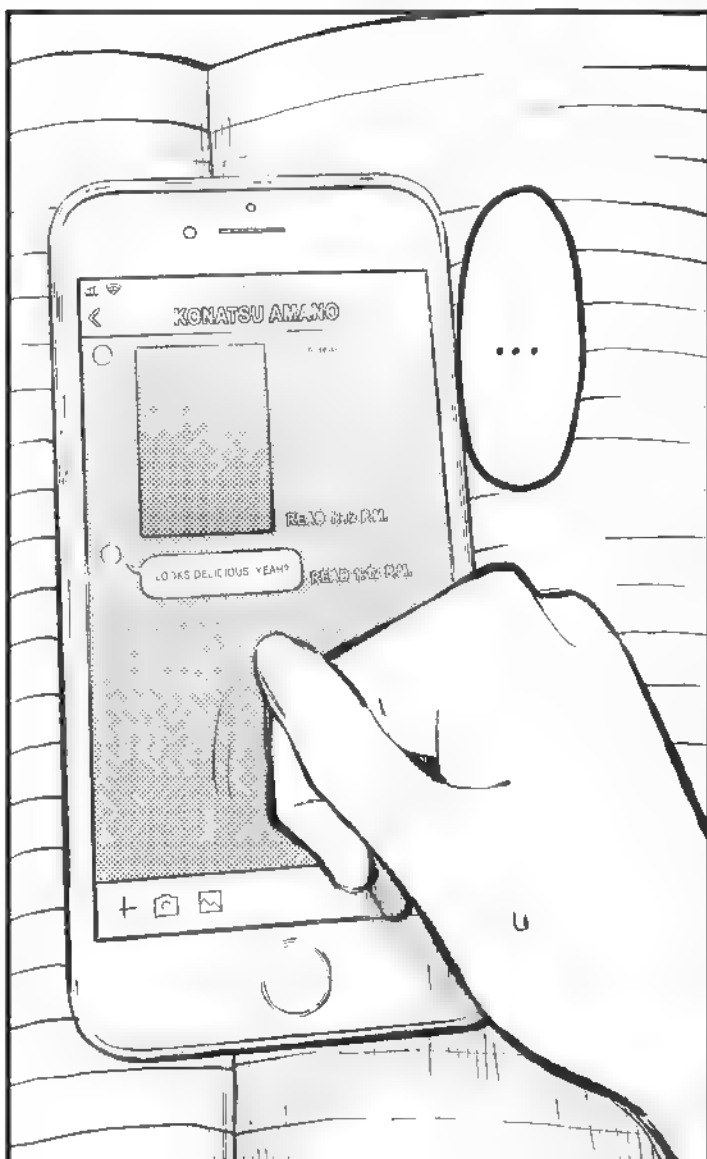












REPLY ?



I
JUST
CAN'T
DO
IT...



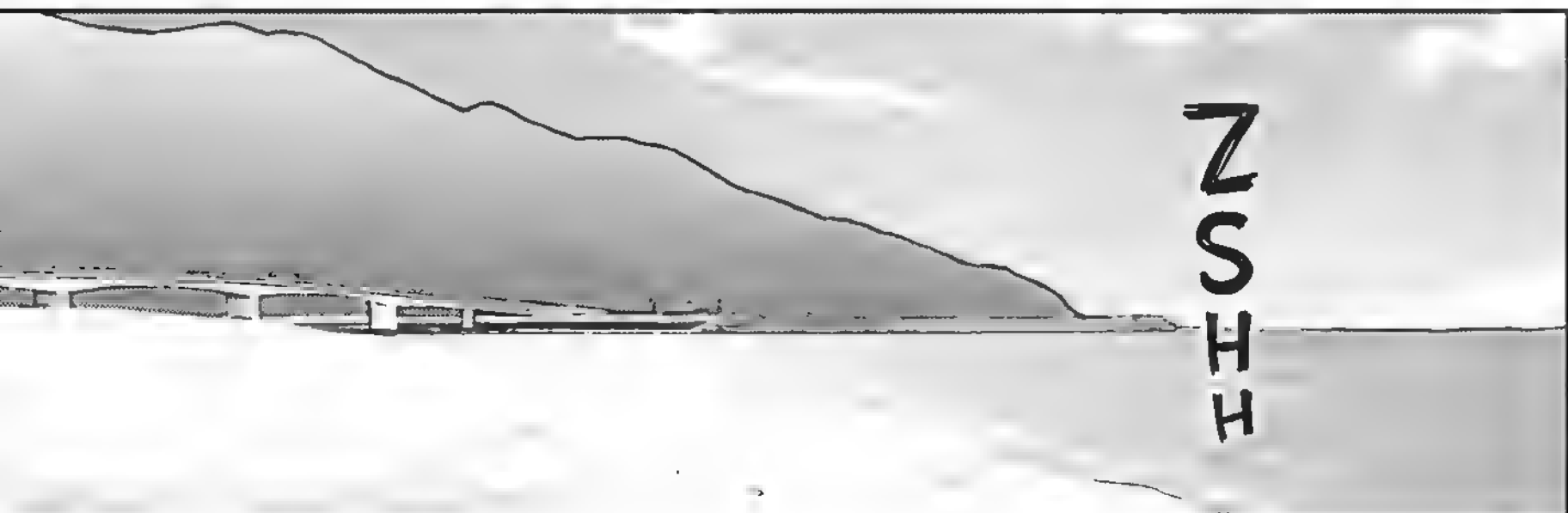
KAEDE...
YOU'RE
TOO
FAST!

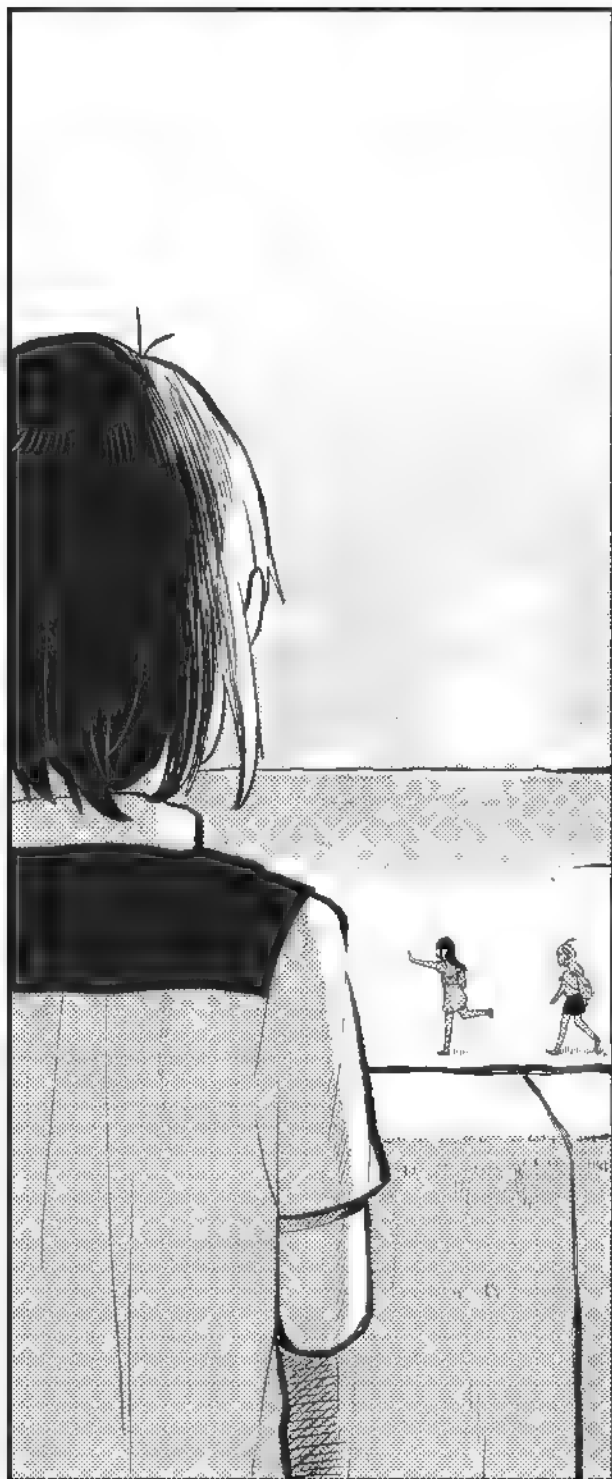


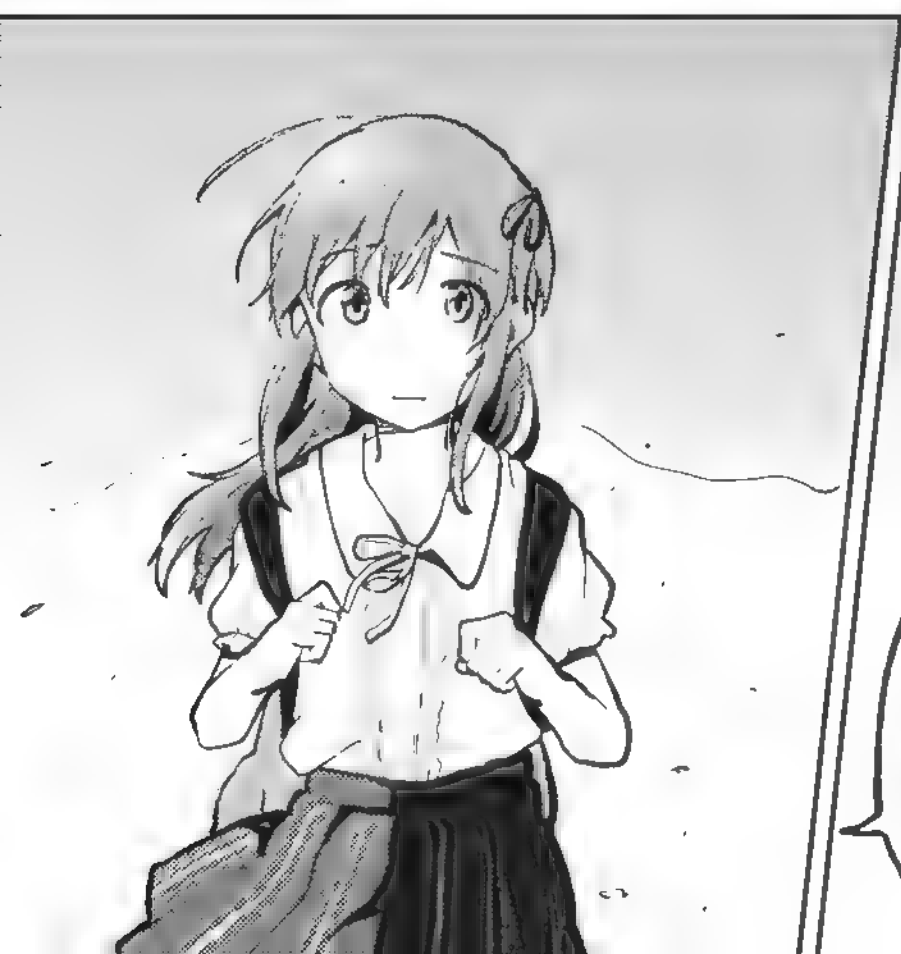
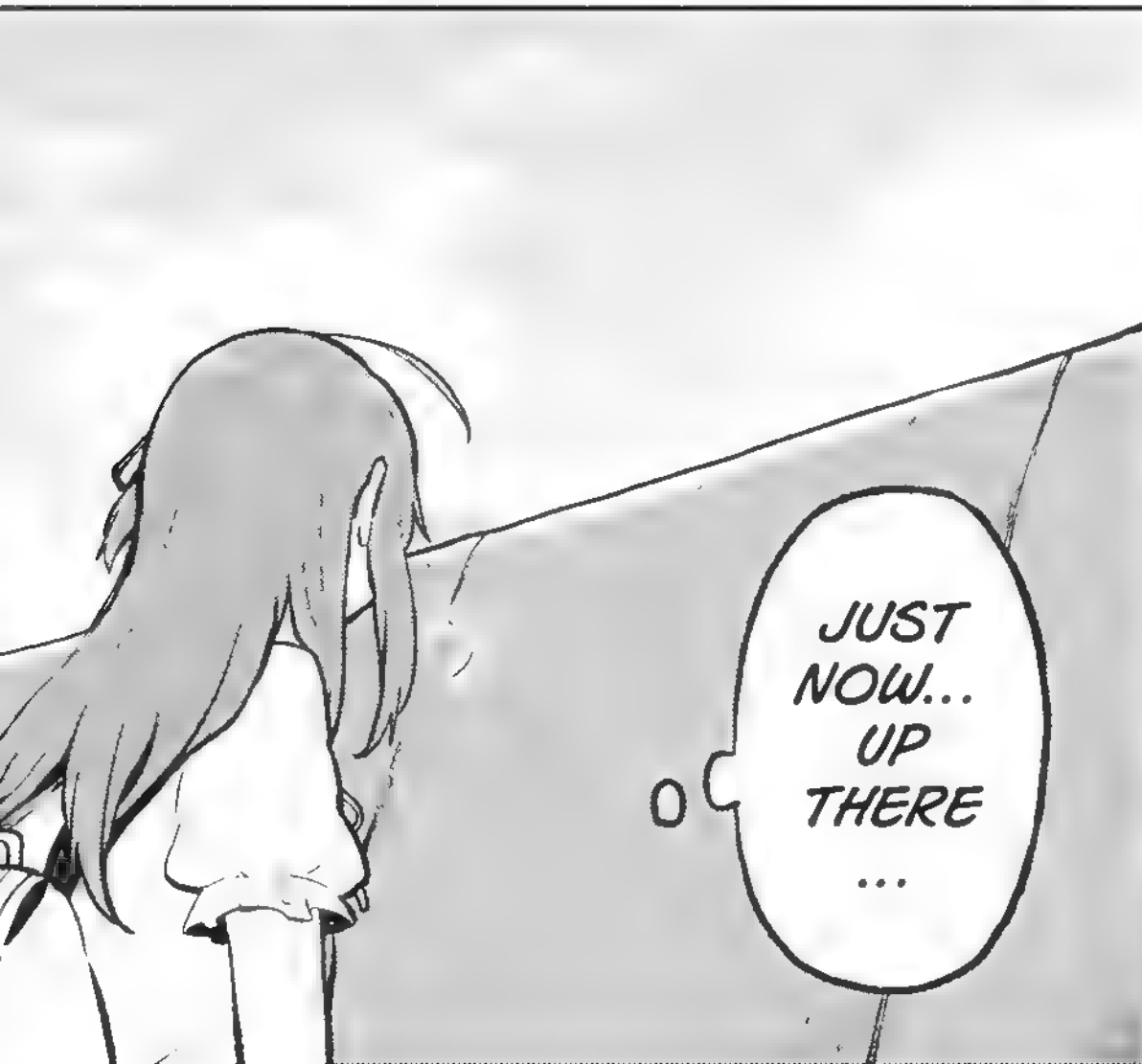
KONATSU!
THIS WAY!
THIS
WAY!!!













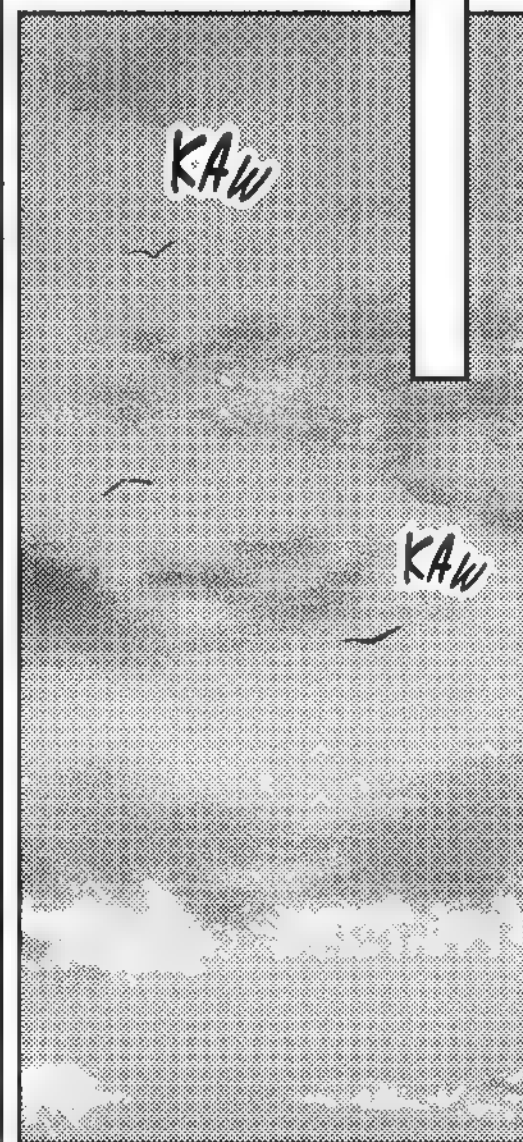
HONAMI
...



KONATSU
...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?





I'm so worried...



WHAT'S UP? YOU KEEP CHECKING YOUR PHONE!!!

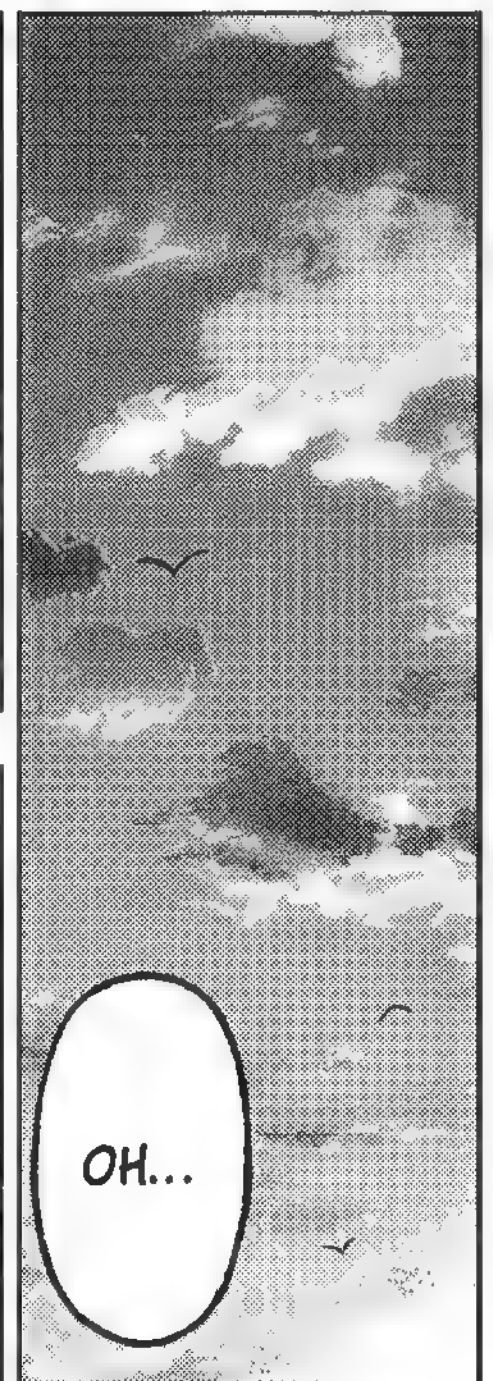


IS SOMETHING WRONG?



SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO IGNORE YOU.

NO PROBLEM. BUT YOU WERE REALLY STARING HARD.







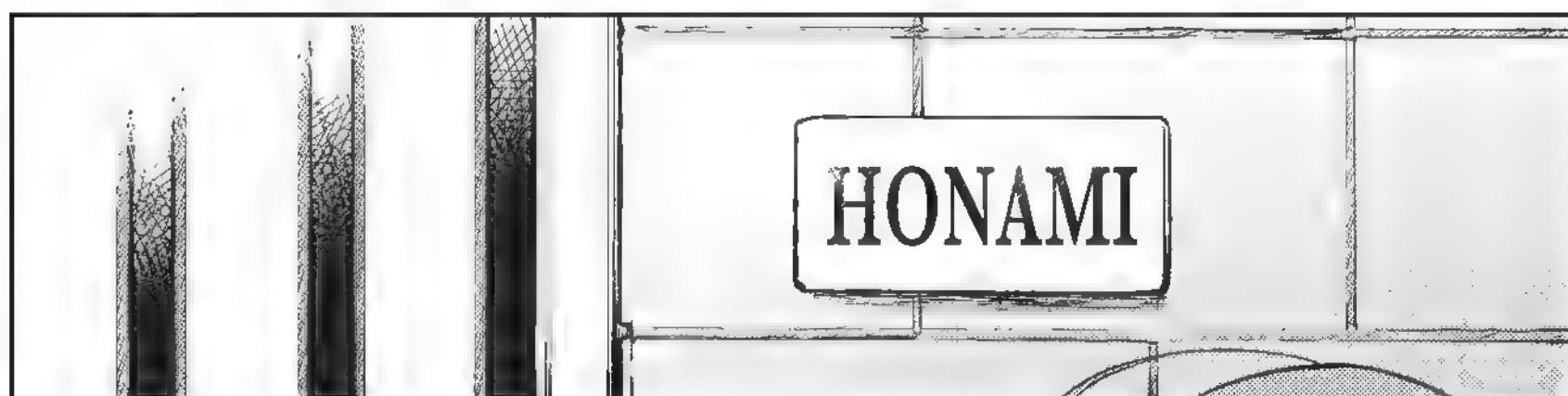


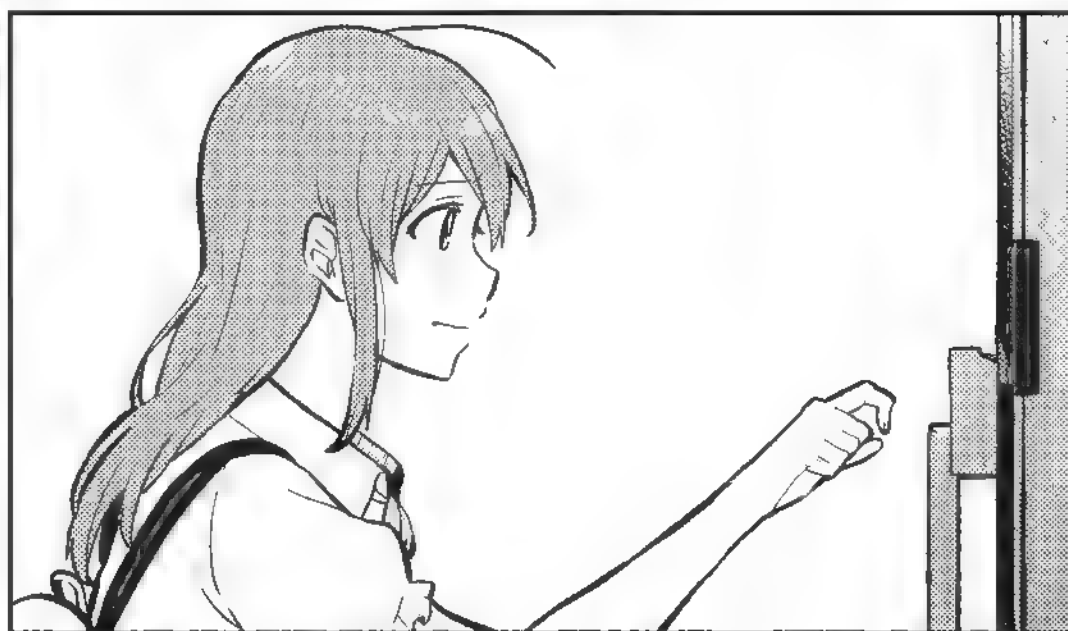
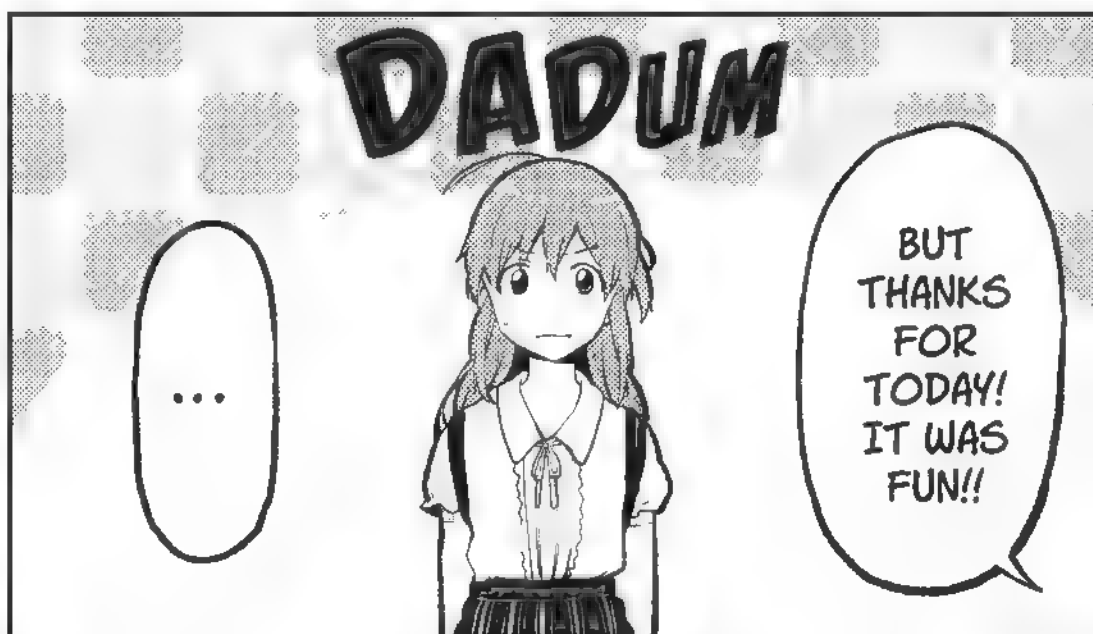
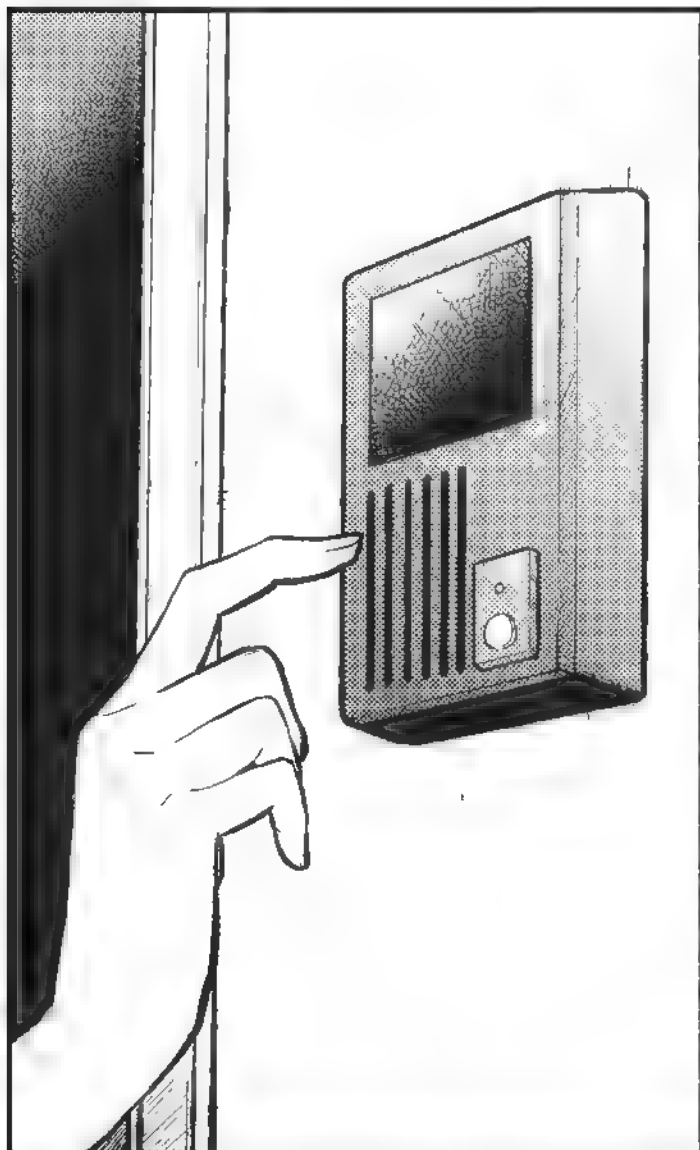
COME
WITH
ME.



WHERE
TO?!

HUH?











HM?



I
WON-
DERED
WHY.

YOU
DIDN'T
RESPOND
TO MY
TEXT,
AND I
...



...MAYBE
I SHOULD
ONLY
CONTACT
YOU FOR
CLUB?



IF
IT WAS
ANNOYING,
JUST SAY
SO.

LIKE,
UM...



...I'm
sorry I
confused
you.

Konatsu
...



...



IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT I
DIDN'T
REPLY!!

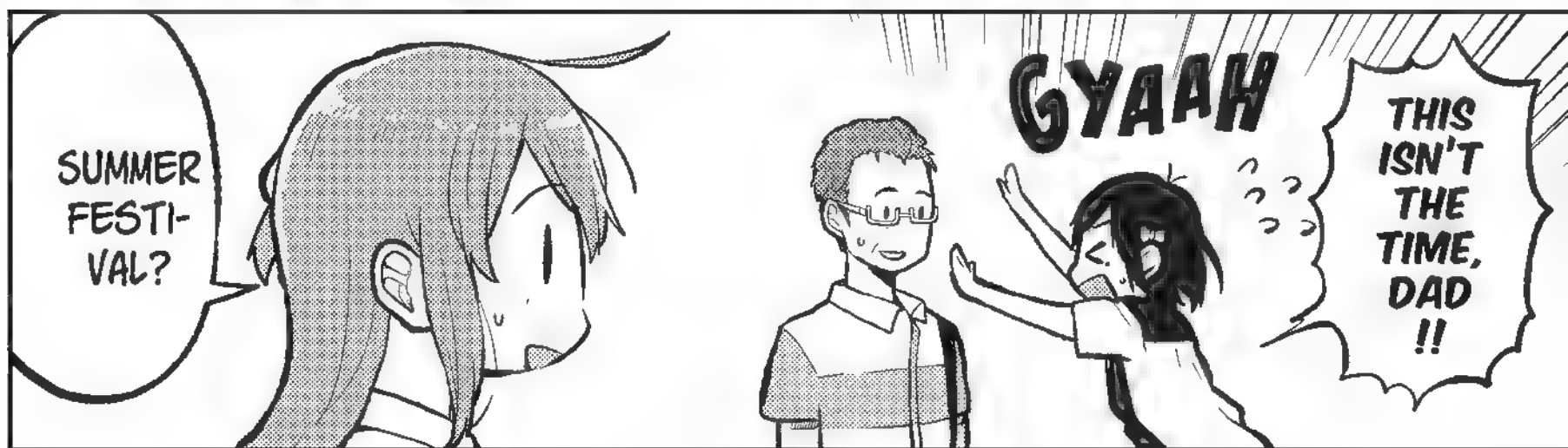
NO, YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!



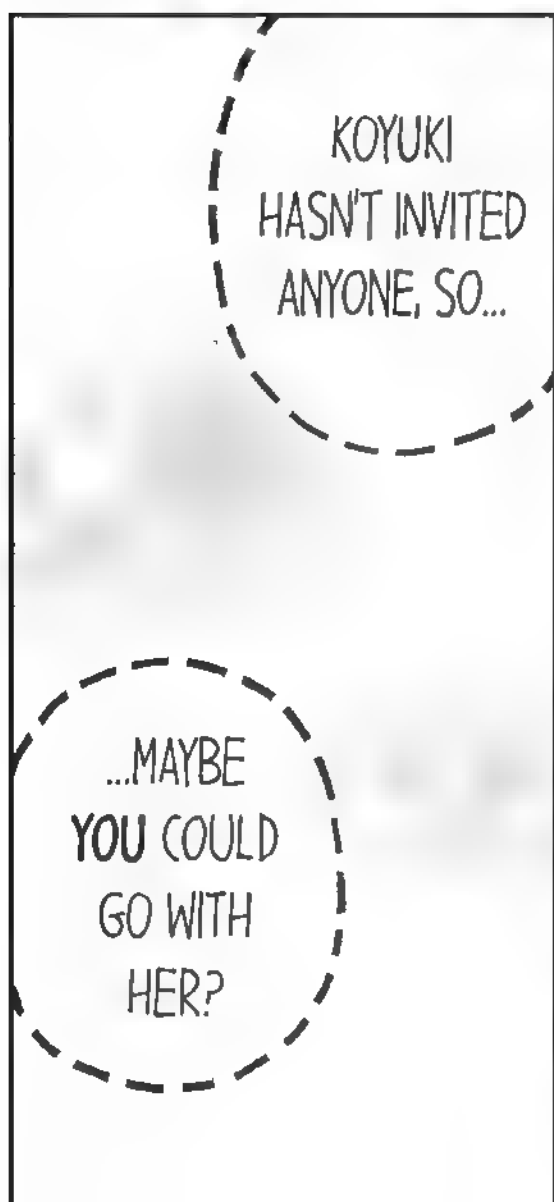
...
OKAY?

AND YOU
DEFINITELY
AREN'T
ANNOYING
...











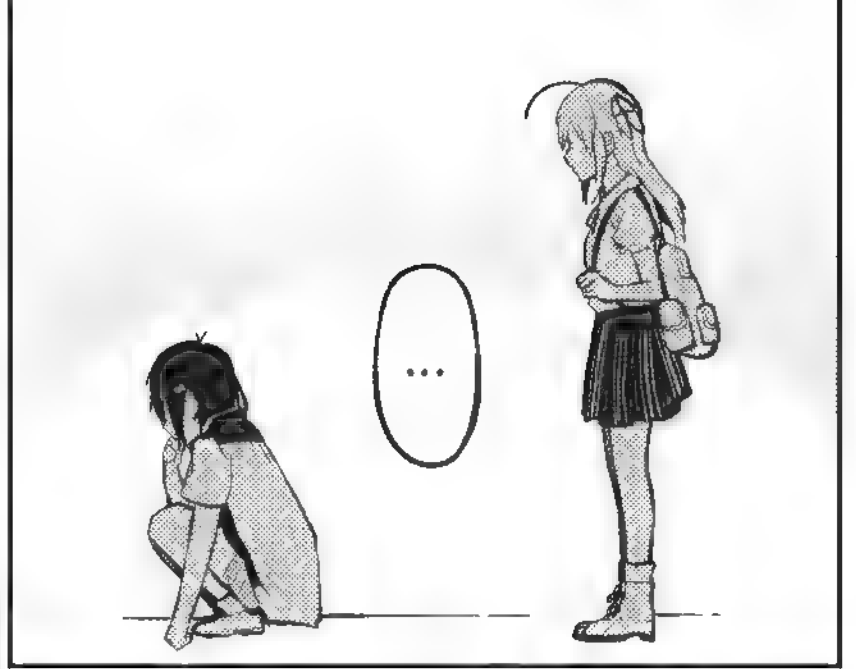
OH,
NOW
I GET
IT!

SHHHH



**...WANT TO
GO TO THE
FESTIVAL
TOGETHER?**

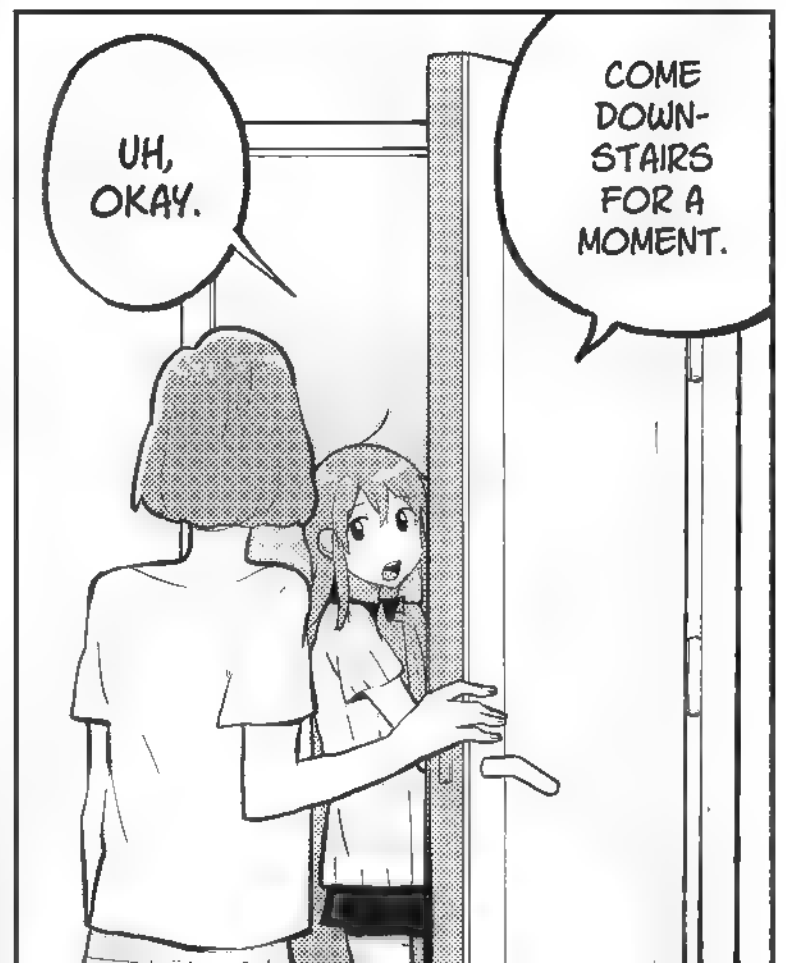






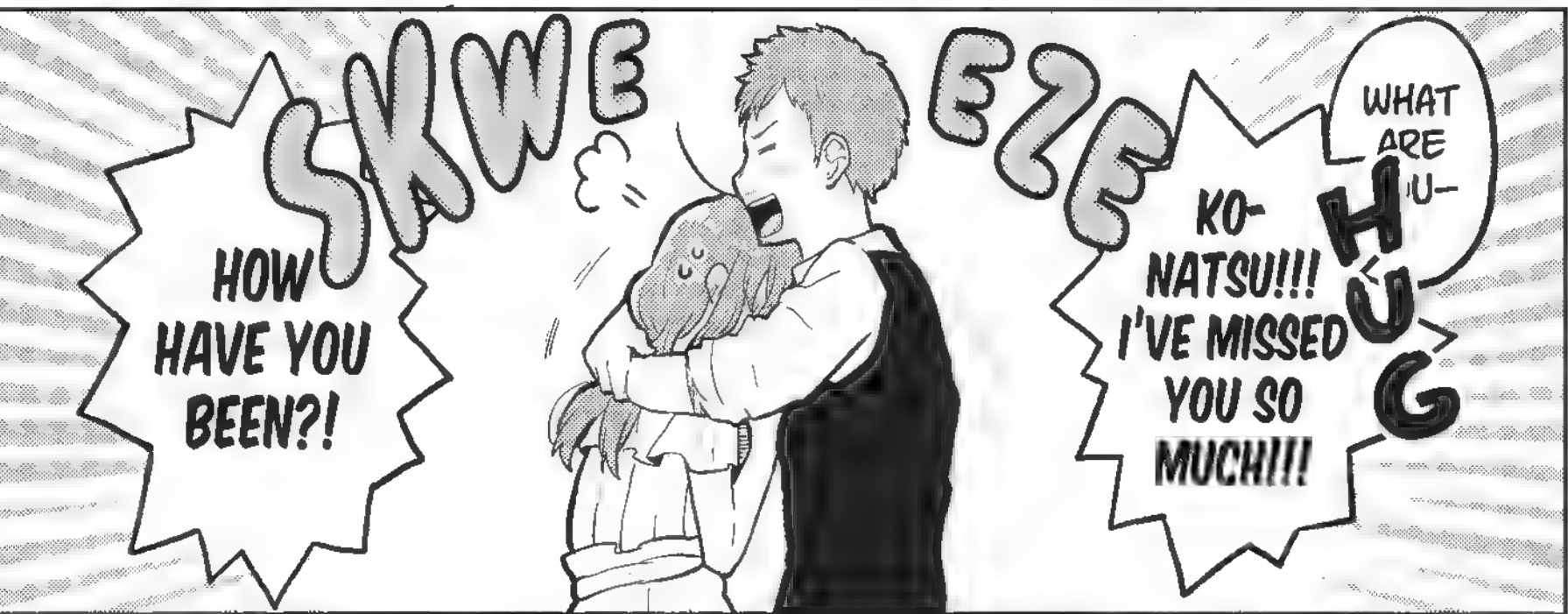


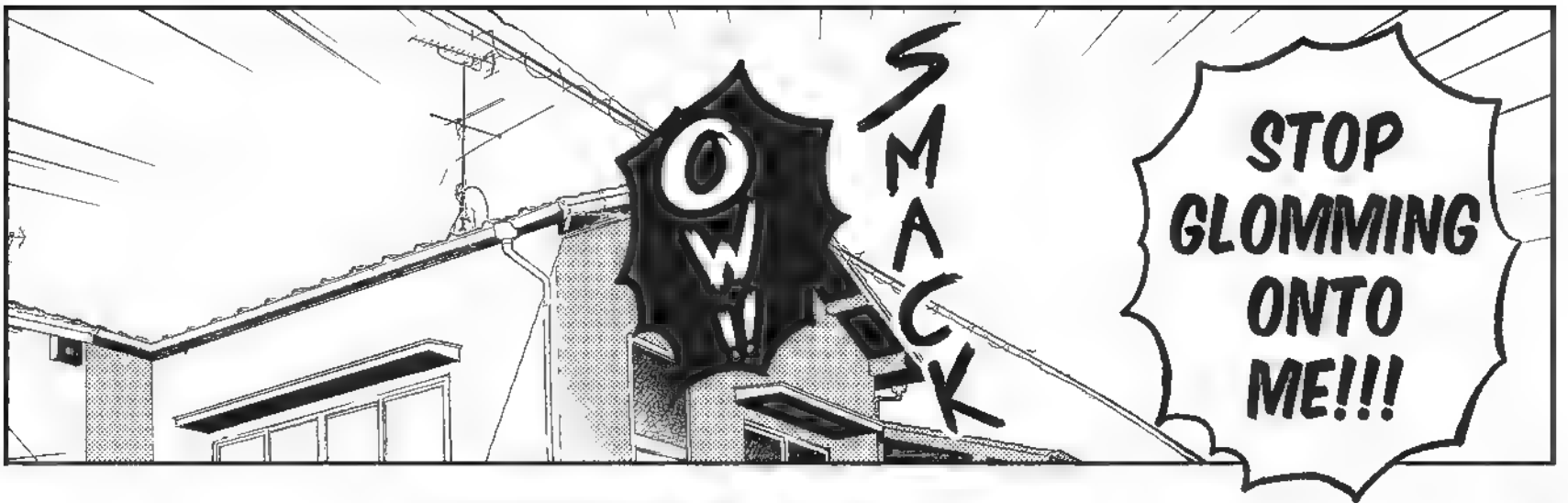
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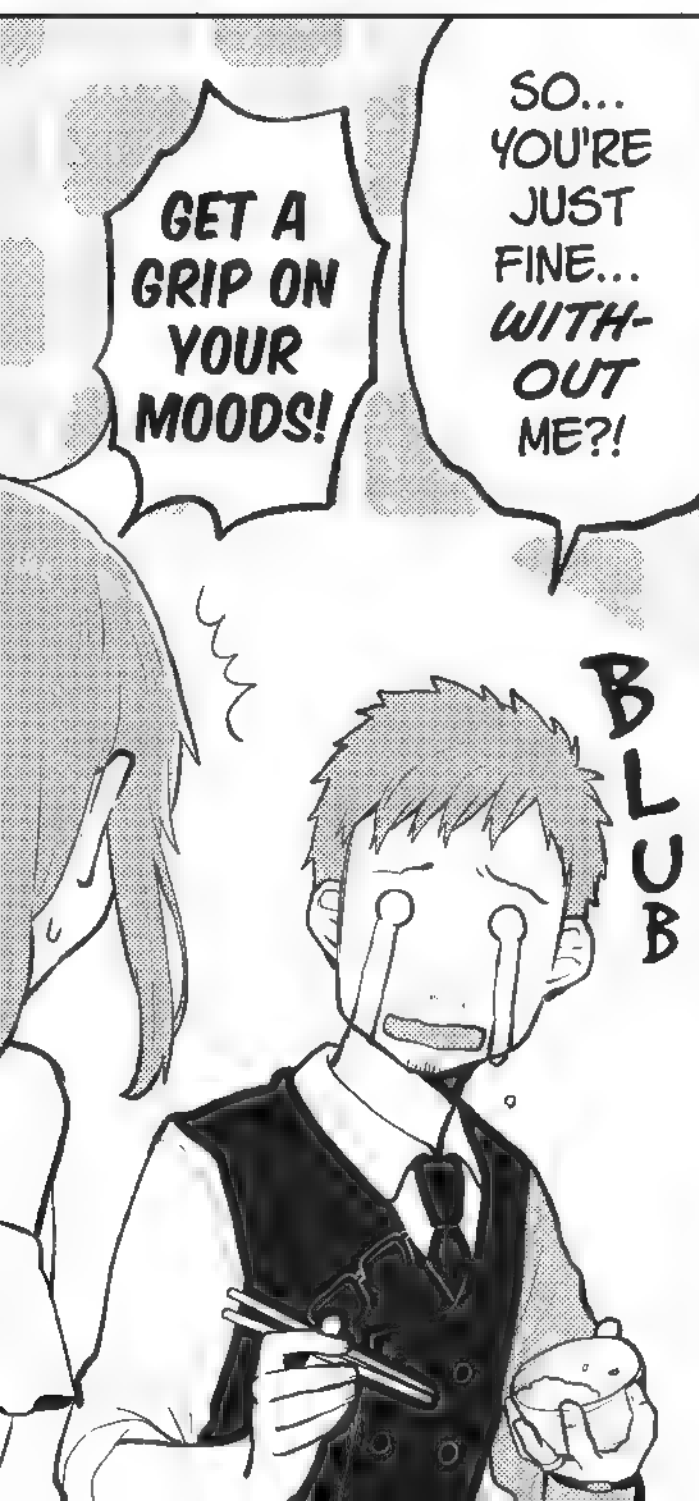


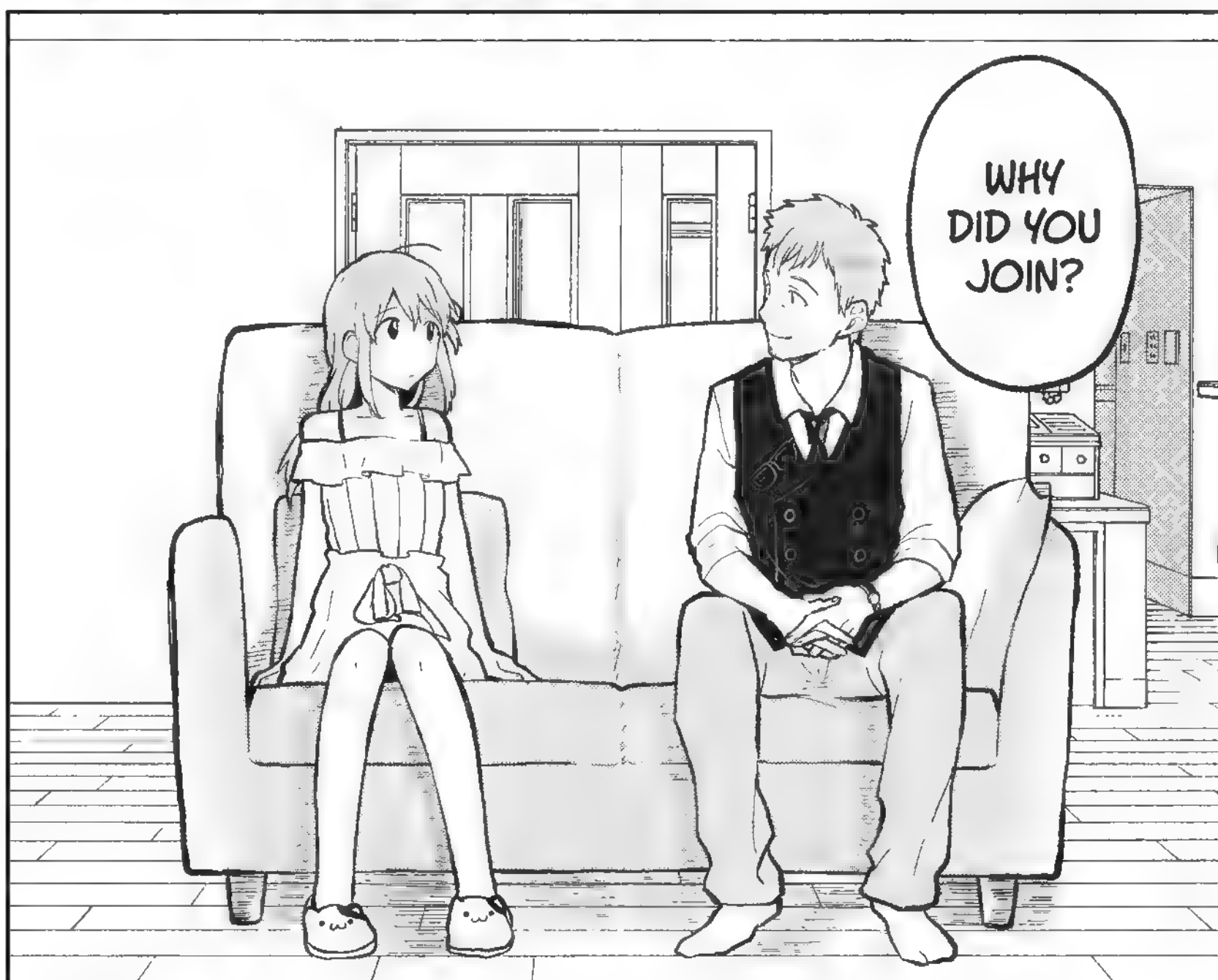


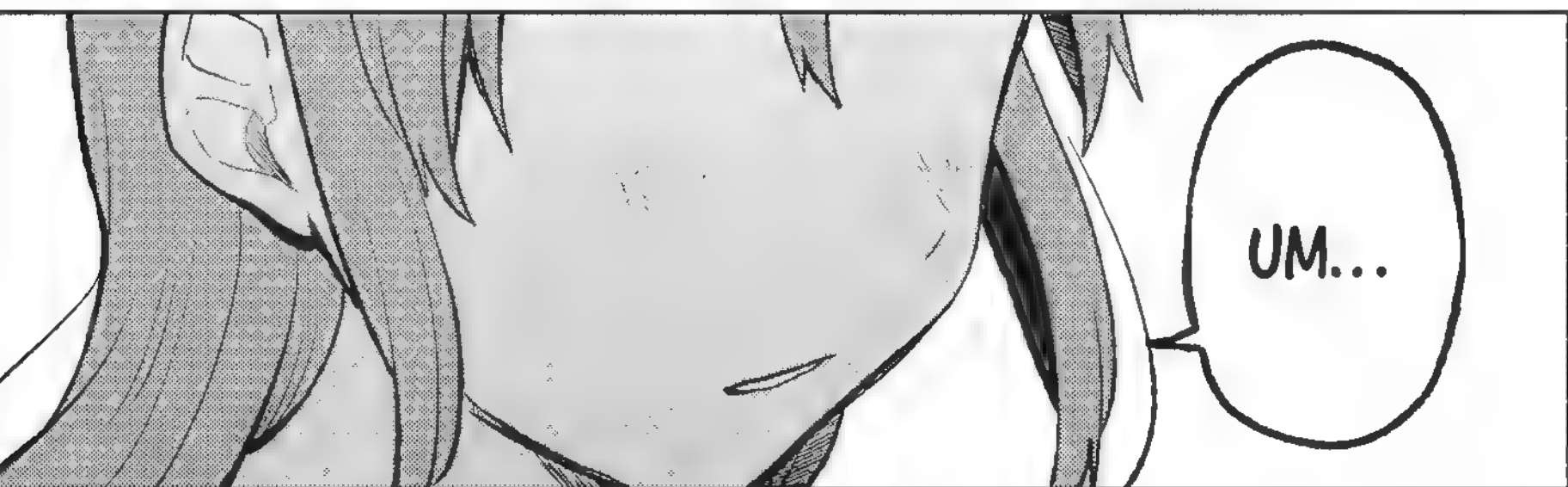
Tank 8:
Konatsu Amano Isn't Alone



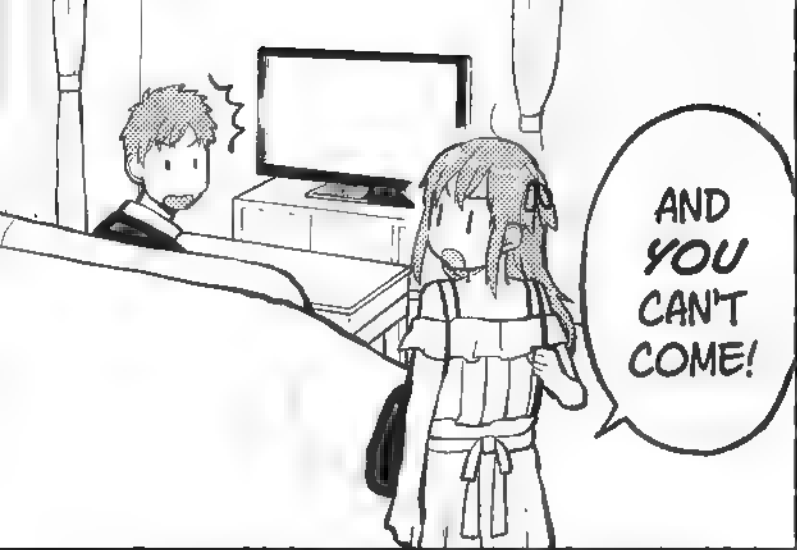










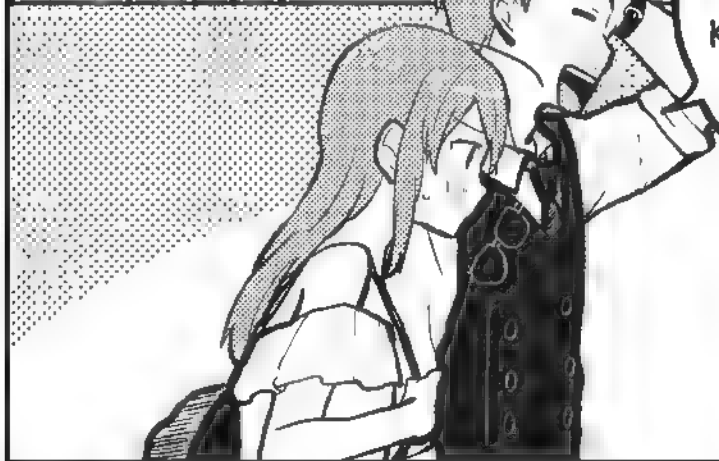




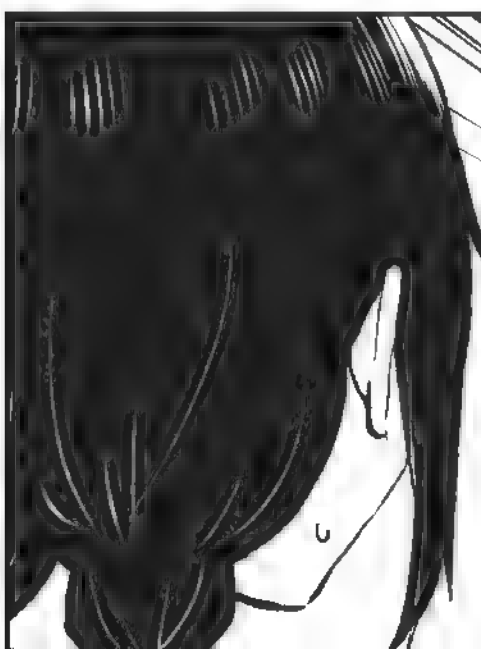
IT'S A PLEASURE!!
I'M KONATSU'S DAD!!!



SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT!



NICE TO MEET YOU.



INAP-
PROPRIATE,
DAD!!!



IN
TOKYO,
THEY'D
SCOUT
HER TO
BE A
MODEL!

WOW!
A
PRETTY
OLDER
GIRL!









KONATSU!



HM?
WHERE'D
DAD
GO?

UM,
MISS
?

Hey!

...



HE'S
VERY
ENTHU-
SIASTIC.
I understand,
but...



GOLDFISH
SCOOP

LET'S
DO THE
GOLDFISH
SCOOP
!!!

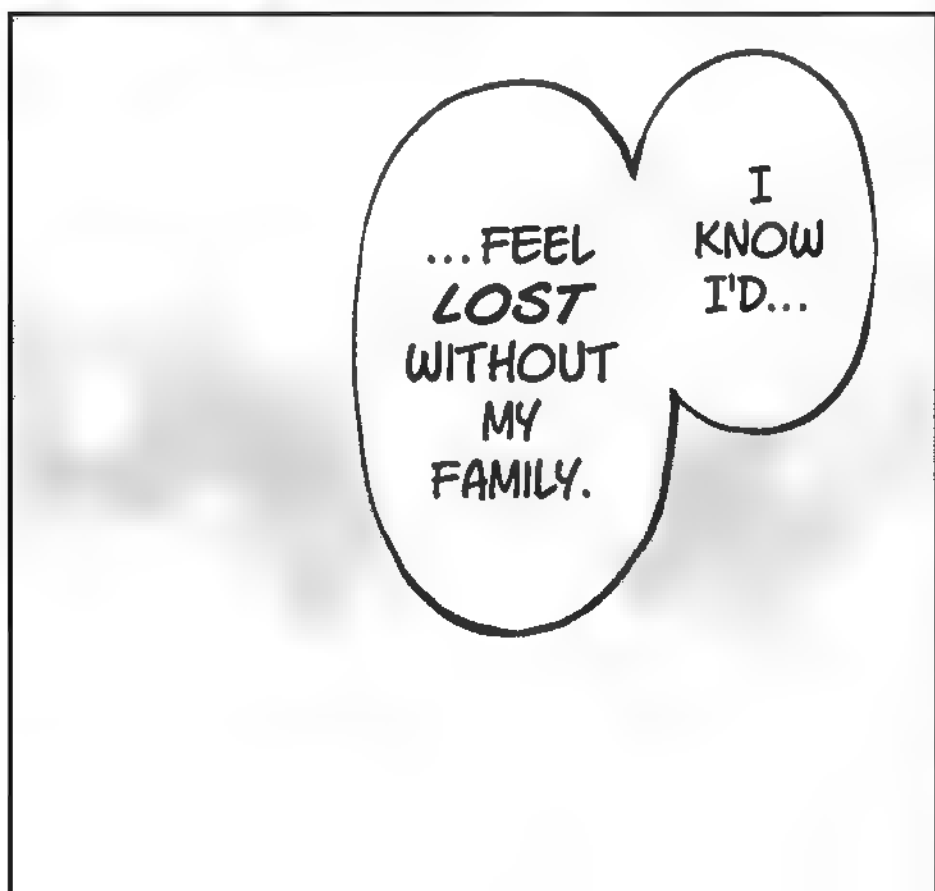
1 TIME
It's \$3.00
perfect
for the
Aquarium
club!!!

TICKET \$1.00













Yeah!
KONATSU!
OVER
HERE!
OVER
HERE!



Huh?
WHERE
?

Kaede!
THERE'S
AMANO
AND
HONAMI!



Another one
of Konatsu's
friends?!

There's
nothing
partic-
ularly
great
about
me.

I'm
okay
...

...be-
cause
I'm not
alone.

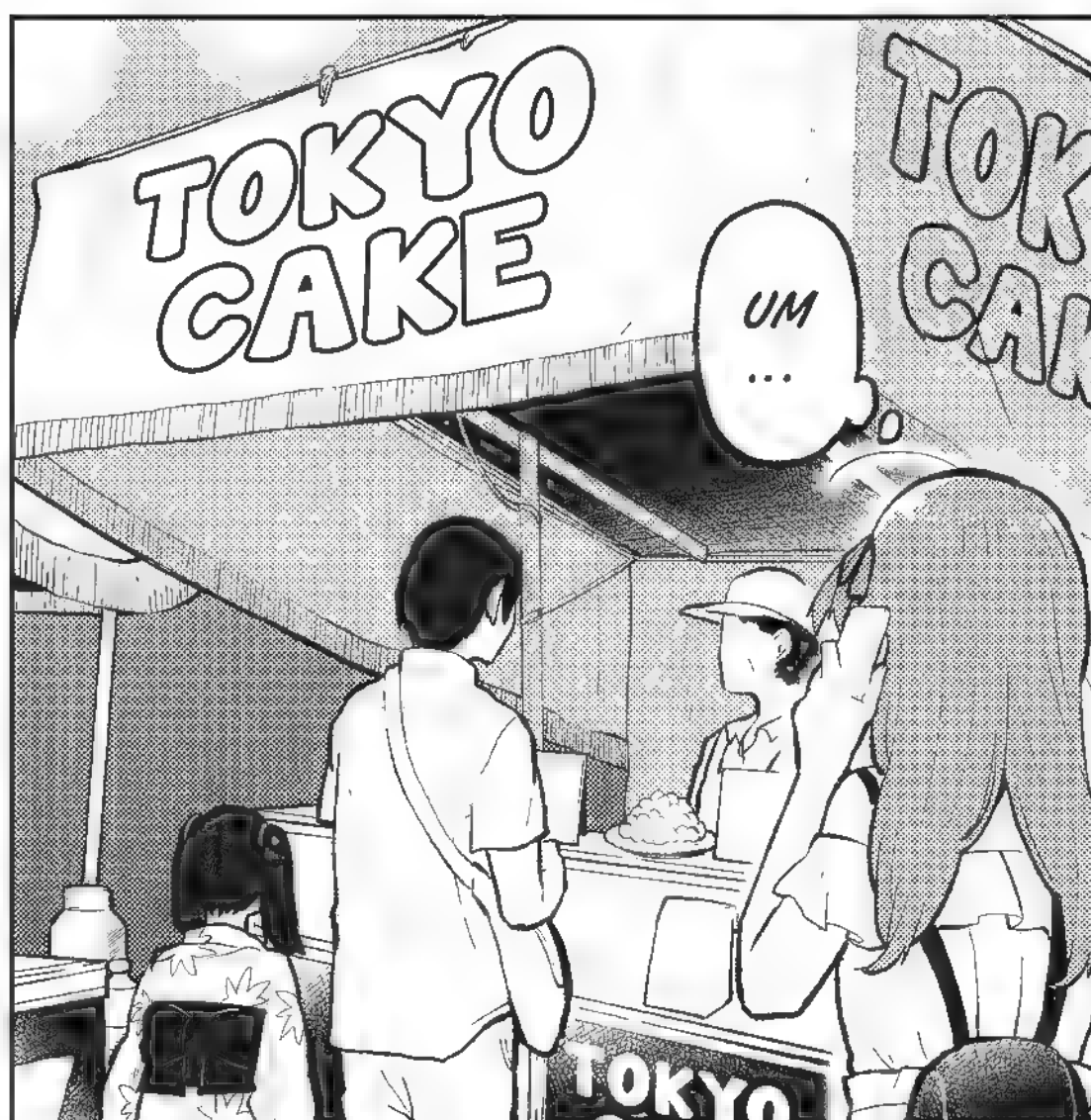


Because
someone
is by my
side.



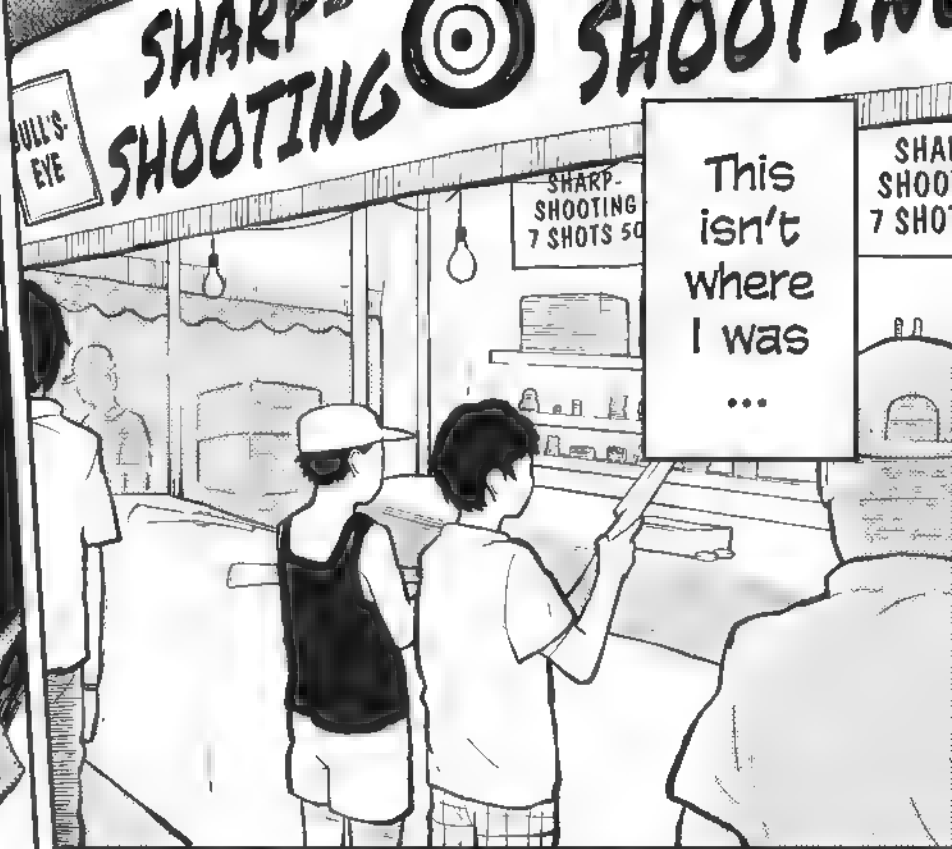










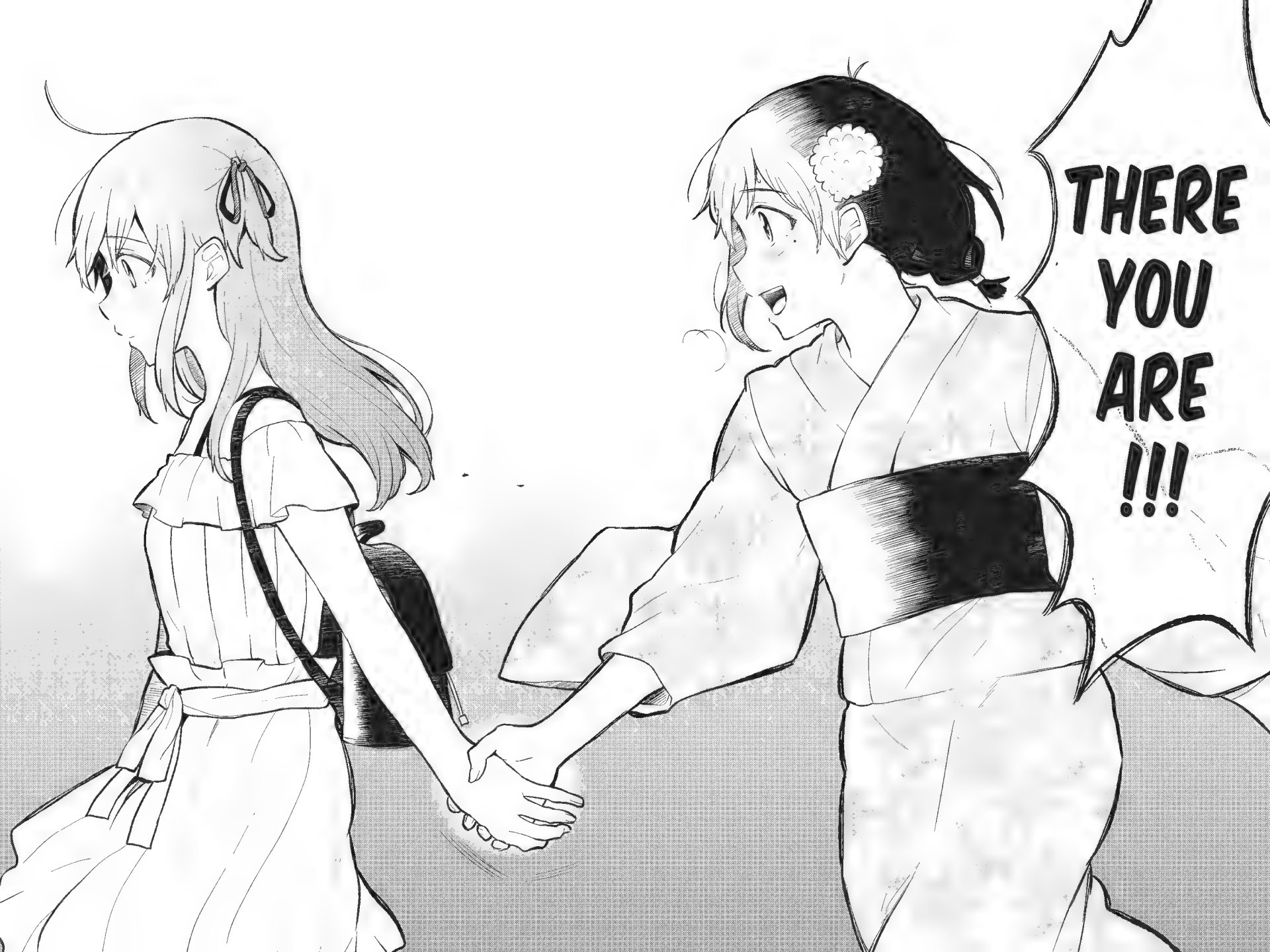




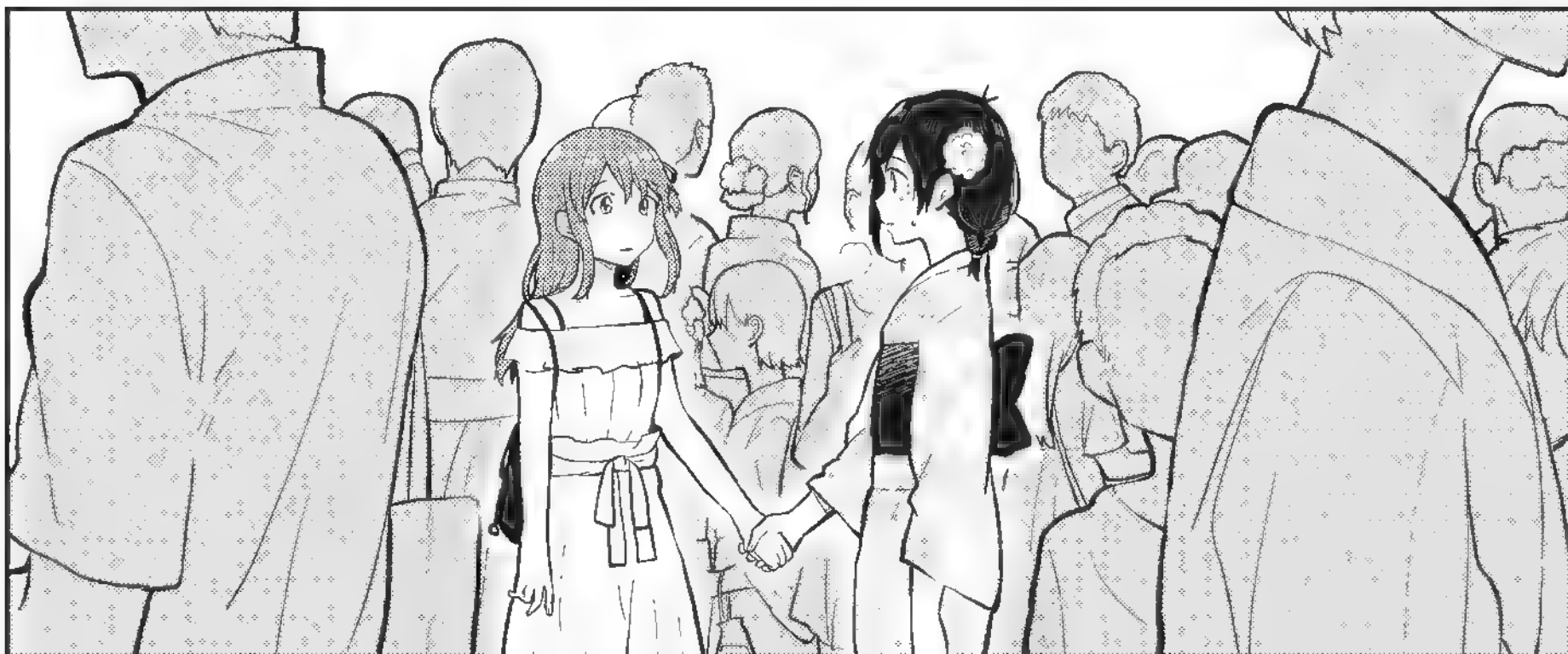
Oh
man
...



...I'm
all
alone.



**THERE
YOU
ARE
!!!**





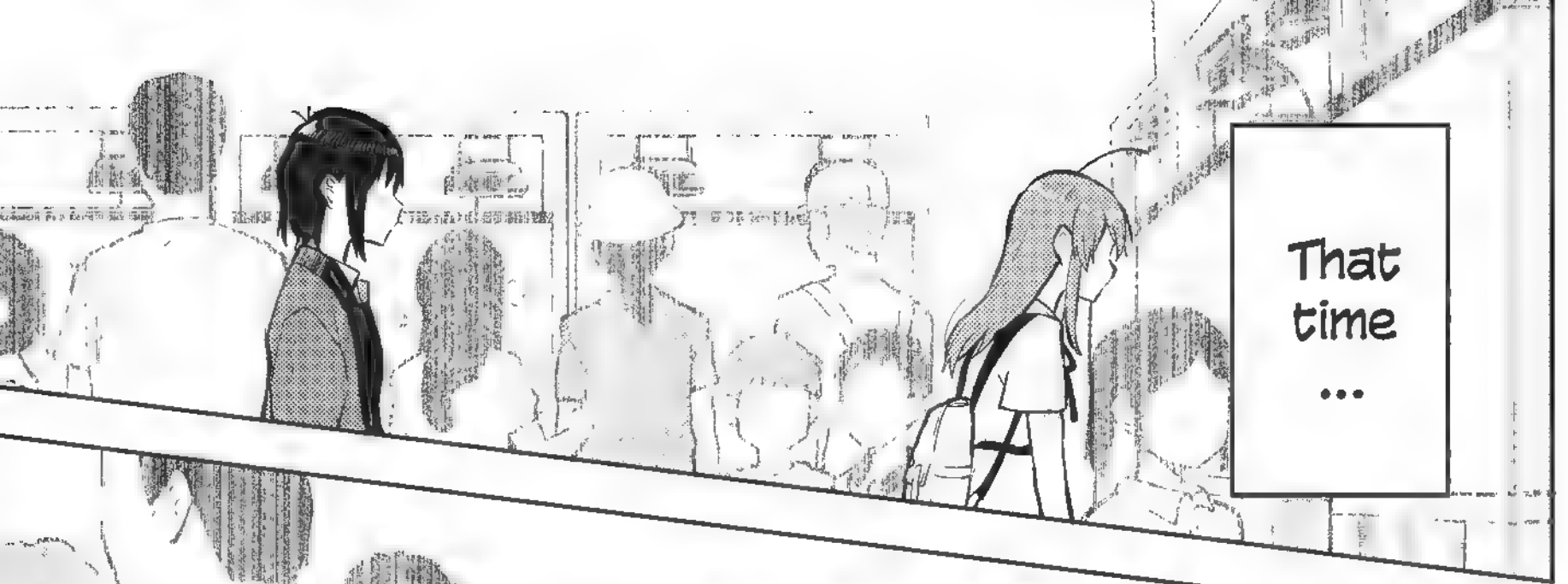


SKWEEZZ



Honami
...

KONATSU
?



That
time
...



...and
this
time
too
...



Why
did
you
find
me?



"SECOND-
GUESSING
HOW SHE
FEELS
WON'T
HELP AT
ALL!"

"YOU
SHOULD
JUST
ASK
HER."



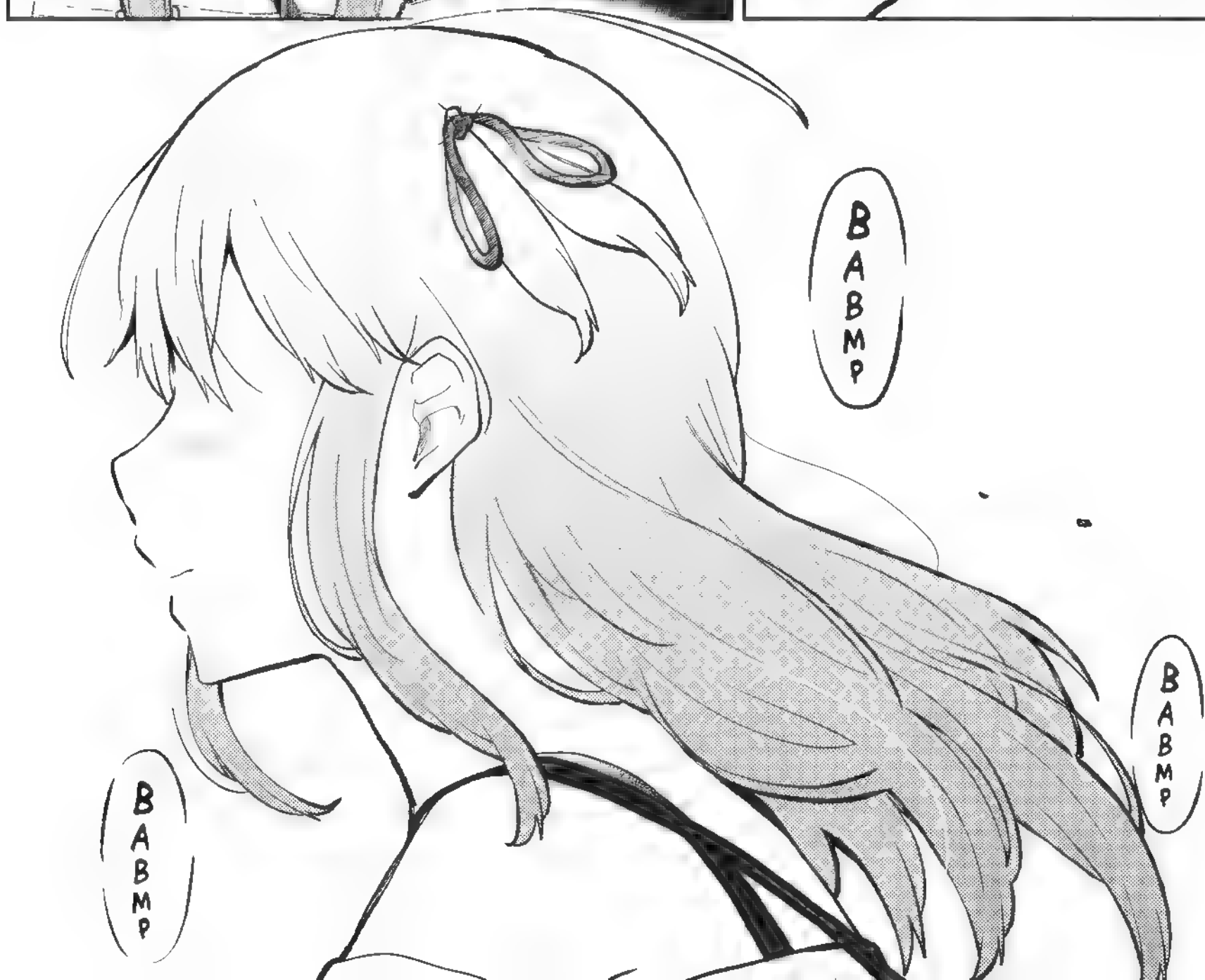
But...



B A B M P

B A B M P

I WANT
TO ASK
ABOUT
THE DAY
WE FIRST
MET.



B A B M P

B A B M P

B A B M P





**WHY
DID YOU
SPEAK
TO ME**

...

**... ON
THE
DAY WE
FIRST
MET?**



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Q+A CORNER!!!

Q. THE MANGA IS SET IN EHIME PREFECTURE, SO WHY HAVEN'T MANDARIN ORANGES SHOWN UP YET?

A. (LOL) I CHOOSE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND ITEMS AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE STORY, AND THE TIME FOR ORANGES SIMPLY HASN'T COME YET.

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MARINE CREATURES?

A. ORCAS AND DOLPHINS! I LOVE MOVIES LIKE *FREE WILLY* AND *THE BIG BLUE*!

Q. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SNACK?

A. POTATO CHIPS! (SEAWEED FLAVOR)

Q. WHAT MANGA HAS SERVED AS INSPIRATION FOR *A TROPICAL FISH YEARNS FOR SNOW*?

A. NO PARTICULAR WORKS HAVE HAD A DIRECT INFLUENCE ON THIS MANGA, BUT *A SILENT VOICE* BY YOSHITOKI OIMA HAS HAD AN INFLUENCE ON MY GENERAL STYLE.

Q. DO YOU KEEP TROPICAL FISH AS PETS?

A. NO. I HAVE A CAT, SO I CAN'T REALLY DO THAT. HOWEVER, I USED TO HAVE GOLDFISH AND AN AXOLOTL WHEN I LIVED WITH MY PARENTS.

Q. IN WHAT ORDER DID YOU CREATE THE CHARACTERS?

A. THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS A STORY ABOUT TWO LONELY GIRLS, SO I THOUGHT UP KONATSU AND KOYUKI AT THE SAME TIME. THEY'RE SORT OF LIKE TWINS.

Q. KOYUKI SEEMS TO GET HUNGRY A LOT. DOES SHE HAVE A BIG APPETITE??

A. SOMEONE NOTICED! THE ANSWER IS YES. SO IN CHAPTER 2, SHE REACTS LESS TO ICE CREAM THAN TO ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!

Konatsu with oranges

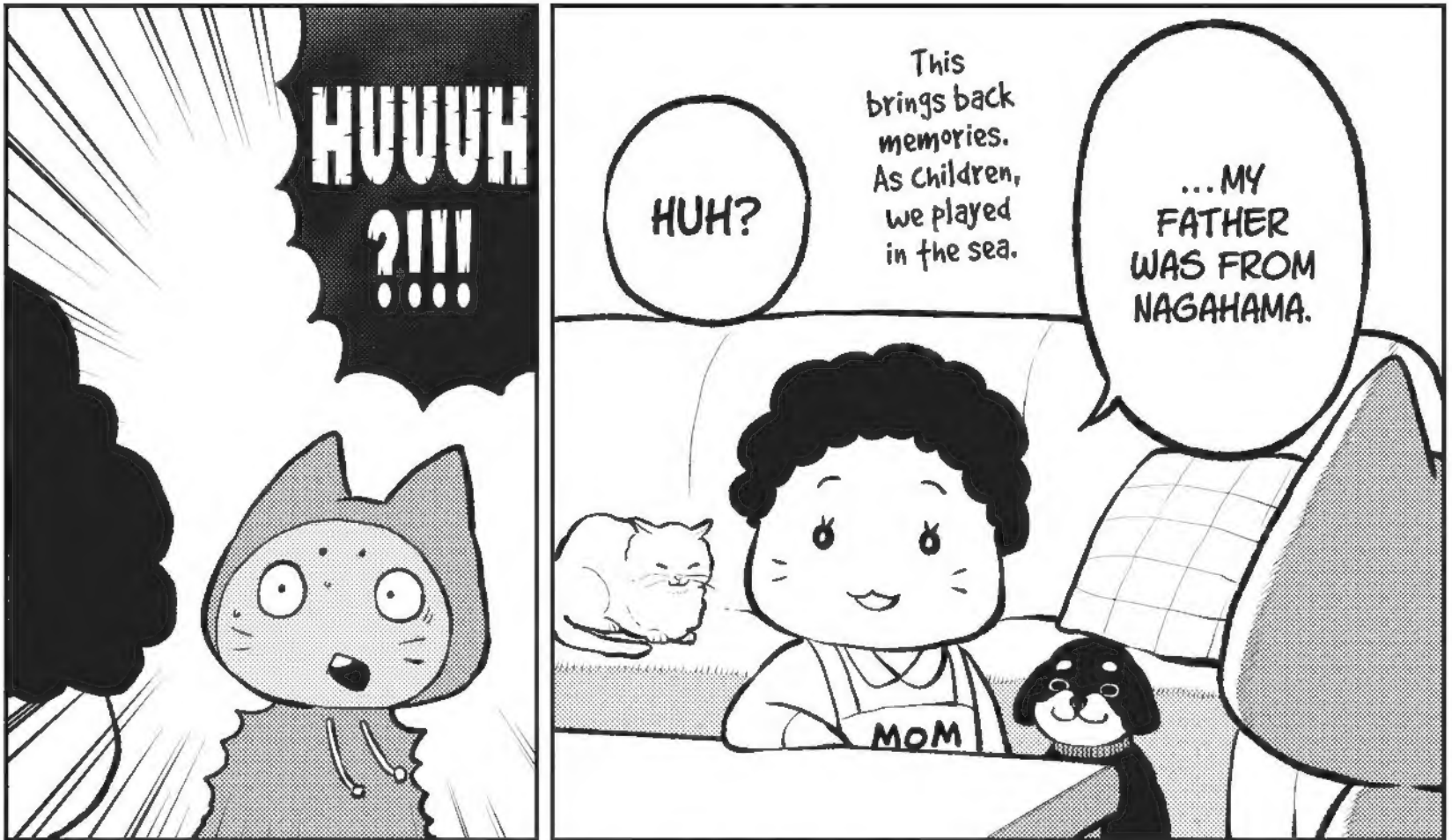
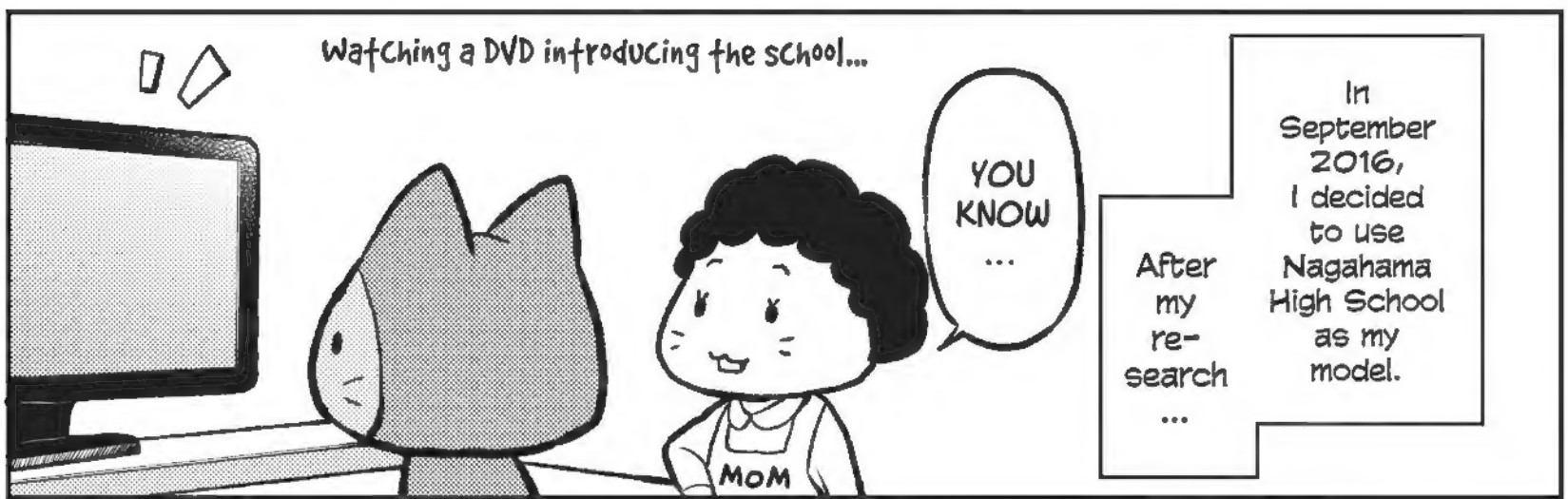


My axolotl, Chikuwa

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